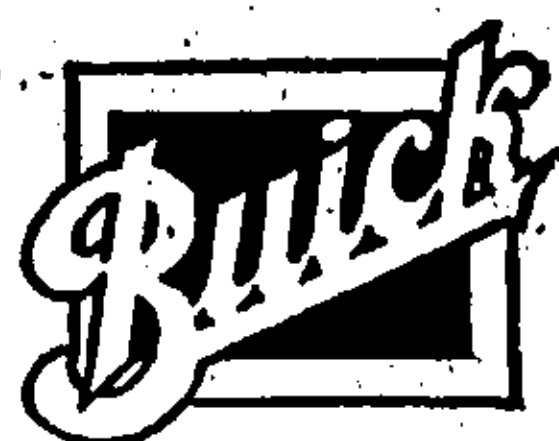




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MARSHAL LI'S RECEPTION.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH IN CHINESE.

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(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Canton, This Morning.

The beneficial effects of yesterday evening's remarkable function—the dinner given by Marshal Li Chai-sum to the visitors from Hong Kong—has already been noticeably felt. Government officials who accompanied me from the banquet and with whom I was talking until an early hour this morning are confident that our own little Entente Cordiale has been sealed, signed and delivered.

Sir Cecil Clementi created a most pleasant surprise by delivering his speech at the banquet in faultless Cantonese. It was very closely followed by the Canton officials and other assembled guests—well over a hundred in strength—and it was obvious from the outset of his remarks that His Excellency, by his gracious act, had placed himself well in the esteem of his audience and that his sentiments were wholeheartedly reciprocated by all present.

The city was gaily lit in honour of the banquet and the illuminations throughout the evening and until a very late hour were very dazzling.

Lady Clementi, as well as the women folk of the Chinese officials and the Consular representatives, attended the function.

Not only has the visit created a wonderfully enthusiastic impression among the official classes, but from hour to hour the spirit of friendliness and camaraderie grows among the general public. Expressions echoing the sentiment of "Welcome Hong Governor Kam" are on everyone's lips.

The relentless vigilance that is being observed is an outstanding feature of the visit.

RELENTLESS VIGILANCE.

H.E.'S ARRIVAL.

Chinese Ceremonial Reception.

Canton, Friday, 2 p.m.
The flower of Canton's fighting forces and every high official in the Kwangtung administration was drawn up this morning to welcome H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong (Sir Cecil Clementi). Tien Tsze Ma Tau (Government Pier), on the central bund, had been transformed into a Chinese ceremonial reception—'all replete with the colours and designs of festive occasions.

On one side were the leaders of the fighting forces, all in dress uniform. On the other were the civil officials and the leading Chinese merchants of the city. Marshal Li Chai-sum, the commander-in-chief, arrived in a motor-car without any attendants but was followed by the two portable machine guns on motor-cycles.

Outside the gate were four strapping privates with rifles slung over their backs and rifle-tossing spears in their hands. Detectives both from the Police and City Defence Commissioner's headquarters were posted at every approach. Adjoining buildings were full of spectators who included a big percentage of official ladies in their best attire. "Kong Governor Kam."

Wing Hon-maloo, along which the guests had to proceed to the headquarters of the Provincial Government, was lined with troops and police who were kept very busy holding back the large crowds at every cross-road and turning.

Every shop flew the Union Jack side by side with the Nationalist standard. Streamers were flung across the streets in many parts of the city with words which read: "Welcome Kong Governor Kam," which is the Chinese expressive way of saying welcome to "Clementi, the Governor of Hong Kong."

Most elaborate precautions were taken. Lavish decorations had been erected at the pier, along the road, and at Provincial Headquarters.

On Wing Wing Hon-maloo was a massive "pal lau" (a Chinese triumphal arch) with the characters for "welcome" picked out in a large design of lights.

Wherever people were permitted to congregate, large numbers were assembled early in the morning to watch for the arrival of the Governor.

Gunboat's Salute.
As she steamed in from the Front Reach, H.M.S. "Tarantula," with her pennant and ensign fluttering in a strong breeze, was watched by thousands who must have seen her on many occasions before when she lay off Shamen as the senior ship of the British fleet on the West River but never noticed her particularly. Such was the impression of the interchange of official visits had made that everybody recognised her at once.

As the "Tarantula" came up the Pearl River, the gunboat "Po Pik" (flagship of the Canton River flotilla) saluted the Governor of Hong Kong with seventeen guns. The armed launch "Nam Keung," with garlands and flowers all round her awning then put off with Major-General Chan Hing-wan, who is Marshal Li Chai-sum's Principal A.D.C.

The Landing.
The "Tarantula" hove to abreast of the landing stage and Sir Cecil Clementi, whose figure could be picked out in the distance by the crowds on shore, then came ashore, accompanied by the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Colonial Secretary) Captain A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C., Captain B. R. Forster (Private Secretary).

Mr. J. F. Brennan, C.M.G. (the British Acting Consul-General at Shamen) had arrived earlier with the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., and Captain P. Perfect, A.D.C., who had arrived on Thursday with Lady Clementi.

Firecrackers suspended from trees on the bund were let off as Sir Cecil landed. Marshal Li, who was dressed in European clothes, met him and, after shaking hands, introduced him to those lined up for the reception.

Among those noticed were General Chan Ming-chu (11th Nationalist Army), General Chui King-tong (13th division), General Chan Chai-tong (11th division, who has just returned from Swatow), General Tang Shih-tang (City Defence Commissioner), General Tang Yin-wei (Police Commissioner), Admiral Chan Chak (commanding the Kwangtung Navy).

Major-General Chan Cheung-po (in charge of Kongmoon), Major-General Cheung Wai-chiang (director of the Aviation Bureau), Mr. Chu Chao-hsin (Commissioner of Foreign Affairs and his staff), Mr. Wong Keung (base commandant), Mr. Lam Wan-kai (Mayor), Mr. Wu Te-chen (Commissioner of Reconstruction), Mr. Ma Chiu-tsun (Commissioner of Agriculture and Labour), Mr. Li Man-yan (Director of the Revenue Council and principal private secretary to Marshal Li), Mr. Lai Man-yum (private secretary).

Picturesque Band.
The band attached to the commander-in-chief's headquarters, consisting mostly of youths all in picturesque uniform, played the anthems. The guard of honour comprising a picked detachment of gendarmes and a company from the model brigade of the 11th Army was inspected after which the visitors drove to Provincial Headquarters for the reception there.

Higher officers and heads of departments sat with Marshal Li, H.E. the Governor and his staff, in the "flower" reception room where a tea party was held. Hundreds of other officials were assembled in the outer rooms to honour the distinguished guests.

Private Tiffin.
Mr. Chu Chao-hsin and Mr. Li Man-yan accompanied the visitors back to Shamen, the whole route being lined with police and troops where Mr. Brennan was host at private tiffin. After lunch, Sir Cecil was conducted on a tour of the city to Kwong Yin-fong in the western suburb, where he lived for some time to study Chinese, and also the old British yamen in the western suburb which was recently restored to the Canton Government.

The sight-seeing tour included most of the places of leading interest, the public parks, the Goddess of Mercy Hills, and extended over a long distance. All along the route, through various parts of the expansive city, traffic was entirely forbidden so that there could be no possible hitch nor any delay to the fleet of cars and the armed escort.

On Shamen.
As the day went on, word went round the whole city that the eagerly-awaited Governor from Hong Kong had not only arrived but was actually to be seen. At every point where a fleeting glimpse was possible, the police cordons were constantly in danger of breaking down under pressure from the crowds, packed closely together for hours until H.E. the Governor had returned to Shamen.

Even the residents of Shamen caught the fever of enthusiasm and concentrated attention on the British (West) bridge, the Shahee approach to which was kept clear by police and Marshal Li's corps of bodyguards, assisted by despatch riders and mobile units.

BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

Goodwill And Friendship Increasing.

MARSHAL LI

Marshal Li Chai-sum, in welcoming Sir Cecil Clementi at the evening banquet said:—

It is a great pleasure to us to be honoured by an official visit of the Governor of Hong Kong. This banquet is now given in his honour.

I recall with appreciation the kindnesses and courtesies extended to me on my recent official visit to Hong Kong and that time will always remain fresh in my memory. I am rather afraid that we are unable to provide ceremonial functions equal to those provided in Hong Kong in honour of my visit there. But I wish to assure His Excellency that the Provincial Government and the people of Kwangtung much appreciate the visit of such a distinguished guest. We are all pleased to realise that the visit indicates more friendly relationship between China and Great Britain.

My wife and I very much enjoyed staying at Government House during our visit to Hong Kong. We must thank the Governor and Lady Clementi for their hospitality and particularly for all the kindness Lady Clementi personally showed in entertaining my wife.

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COMING TO CHINA.

Mr. Hayley Morris's Intention.

RELEASE IN AUGUST.

To Leave England Immediately After Prison Term.

The London "Daily Mail" announces that Hayley Morris, who was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in December 1925 for offences against girls, will be released from prison on August 16 and will leave immediately for China.

WEST RIVER PIRACY.

WUCHOW BOAT "HOI CHUNG" THE VICTIM.

REPORTED BY "TAIMING."

Yesterday (Friday) afternoon at 4 p.m., the sternwheel steamer "Dilly" (Canton-Wuchow run) spoke s.s. "Taiming" and reported that s.s. "Hoi Chung" had been

"FINE TO CLOUDY."

North East winds, fresh; fine to cloudy, is the weather forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

pirated. The "Hoi Chung" was then in sight alongside the left bank of the river at the town of Li Chuen, 5 miles below the notorious Tai Ping Sha. When abreast of the "Hoi Chung," only one man was to be seen on deck, but steam was issuing from the waste steam pipe showing that some of the engine-room crew must have been below. On the bank were about a dozen people, further down an open cargo junk was observed with cargo on it and a couple of men looking on from the bank. The ship's cargo ports were open showing that loot had been passed through them as the ship appeared light. Three miles further down at anchor was a double-funnel Chinese gun boat the "Kong Tai" but hidden by a point of the bank from the pirated vessel. The "Taiming" reported matters and the gunboat immediately left for the scene.

The "Hoi Chung," which belongs to the Hoi On S.S. Co. and flies the Chinese flag, left Hong Kong for Wuchow on Thursday but what time the piracy took place is unknown.

As announced in another column of this issue "The China Mail" has now received official permission to print. Our thanks are extended to the Captain Superintendent of Police for his good services in the matter.

known. The "Kong Ning" did not see the "Hoi Chung" on its way down from Samshui nor did the "Taiming" which arrived at the same port upward bound at 6 a.m. or the "Wo Kwai" at noon, also upward bound.

The "Hoi Chung" has no passenger licence and therefore can only carry 12 passengers and there are no passenger stations between Hong Kong and Samshui.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments are announced in the "Gazette": Mr. James Denison Danby to be a member of the Advisory Committee of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, vice Mr. Francis Arthur Wells, resigned. Commander Joseph Bernard Newell, D.S.O., R.N., to act as Harbour Master and Mr. Thomas William Harold Hosegood to act as Deputy Harbour Master, with effect from March 8, 1928.

PSEUDO POLICEMEN.

By pretending to be Police constables and so gaining admittance into No. 64, Ying Chau-street and then robbing the occupants of the flat, two unemployed Chinese males named Wai Ling and Lui San, aged 21 and 42 respectively, were yesterday arrested by the Police.

RAT POISONING.

As the result of an accidental administration of rat poison, a Chinese woman named Chung Mau, residing at 41, Temple-street, was yesterday removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital, suffering from poison internally.

A RECORD YEAR.

Dairy Farm Progress Reviewed.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

800 Per Cent. Increase Compared With 1907.

A profit of \$684,879.78 was reported at the annual meeting this morning of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company, Ltd. This, the Chairman stated, constituted a record.

A dividend of \$1.25 per share was recommended. The Chairman reviewed the growth of the Company since 1885 and said that, compared with 1907 the turnover had increased by 800 per cent.

The Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman addressed the meeting as follows: The profit on Working Account for the year ending December 31, 1927, amounts to \$684,879.78, which constitutes a record for the Company. Depreciation on Buildings and Plant has been allowed for on the usual scale amounting to \$119,435.79 and your Directors consider it advisable to write down value of Investments by \$212,232.06 thus bringing this account in line with market value at the close of the financial year which is in keeping with the conservative policy of the Company and will no doubt receive your full support.

On this occasion, a larger sum than usual viz.—\$14,771.20, has had to be provided for Bad and Doubtful Debts, and in explanation I would say that this is almost entirely due to the bankruptcy of the caterer to an old and valued client whose account, while kept in his own name, we were led to believe was perfectly well secured. Had it been otherwise, credit to such an extent would certainly not have been permitted. After deducting the above sums and other usual charges against our profit, there remains the sum of \$238,540.09 which, with the balance of \$28,084.70 from previous account, leaves the sum of \$266,624.79 to be dealt with at this meeting.

Your Directors recommend payment of a dividend of \$1.25 per share absorbing \$250,000.00 leaving balance to carry forward to new account of \$16,624.79, with which, I trust shareholders will concur. There are very few changes in the Balance Sheet that require comment. Cattle appear at a conservative valuation as usual; \$24,433.67 has been spent on new construction, chiefly a new feed store at the farm; and ice plant and machinery has increased by \$74,455.84, almost the amount of depreciation, due to installation of a new ice plant, to increase the output.

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FRENZIED FINANCE.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE EXCITEMENT.

GENERAL MOTORS.

New York, To-day.
The total day's sales of over 3,700,000 shares is the second largest turnover in the history of the New York Stock Exchange. It was made as the result of a wild outburst of speculation on the stock market on the 9th March.

A frenzied trading in General Motors common stock, which advanced over \$6 a share to a new high record of 167, started the movement.

Scores of issues advanced from \$3 to \$17 a share. Thirty stocks rose to new high levels for the year.

Pandemonium reigned on the floor of the Stock Exchange as perspiring brokers struggled furiously to carry out a deluge of buying orders from all over the country. A throng of shrieking hoarse-voiced brokers fought and struggled like a crowd of women at the opening day of the sales around the General Motors post where 300,000 shares in General Motors common stock changed hands in four hours. The tape machines were unable to keep pace with the quotations, adding widespread confusion.

The upward strength of the market is attributed to the squeezing of a large short interest in the more speculative stocks and also public enthusiasm—Benton's American Service.

WAR LULL.

NORTHERN PEACE TALK.

PROSPECTS GOOD.

Total Absence of Usual Spring Preparations.

THE PART MARSHAL CHANG TSO-LIN IS PLAYING.

[By "Li Chung-yin"]

Through force of circumstances rather than because of a general feeling among the leaders that peace is absolutely necessary, the prospects of cessation of civil war in China have been recently enhanced.

It is an exaggeration to say that peace prospects are rosy; but a lull has set in on most of the war fronts and there does not seem to be an immediate likelihood of any faction obtaining the means with which to launch another sustained drive.

Furthermore, emissaries of more than one shade of political opinion are believed to be in Peking, exploring possibilities which may lead to cessation of hostilities and a basis of discussion.

IN PEKING.

Experience points a warning finger. Too much cannot be expected from these peace rumours from Peking. The main difficulty is that a number of persons in each camp will refuse peace because it does not suit their purpose.

Spring is the usual season of renewal of action after the lull of winter. So far there are several Generals who have ordered their men to be prepared for a new offensive but it is problematical if they can get anything more done just yet.

The principal factions have now reached a stage, in spite of Customs surtaxes and other "new" revenue, when they cannot afford to fight, no matter the inducement.

Not the Aggressor.
Peking has been on the defensive for nearly two years. Marshal Chang Tso-lin can justly claim that he is not the aggressor in the present civil war. His last ventures of conquest were not too successful. It was not so long ago that his Manchurian units were in Shanghai (Chinese city, of course), holding a long line near the coast from the north to the centre of China. Further inland, he had a strategic bridgehead thrown out across the Yellow River, in Honan province, but that was soon destroyed.

Chang Tso-lin.
Now the Peking Government controls only two of the eighteen provinces in China Proper, and the three provinces which make up Manchuria.

What if Chiang Kai-shek, as the Generalissimo of the Nationalist armies of Nanking, did succeed in wresting Peking from Chang Tso-lin? The Nationalists will then be able to say that they have the only de facto administration but, in the confines of Manchuria Chang Tso-lin will remain a potent enemy, watching and waiting as he has done before.

A reasonable prediction—wholesale treachery excepted—is that Chang Tso-lin will not give up Manchuria without a fight to the last ditch.

Not the Same Nanking.
At the moment, Chiang Kai-shek is handicapped by lack of liquid funds.

The Nationalist Government at Nanking, although Chiang Kai-shek is the dominating power, is not the Nationalist Government of the spring and summer of 1927. Chekiang and Kiangsu provinces, strips of Anhui, and possibly Fukien are within the sphere of Nanking's direct government. After deducting what is needed by local and provincial authorities, the defence garrisons and others, the surplus for the Executive at Nanking is not sufficient for a grand onslaught.

Friends' Suspicion.
There is no doubt that Chiang Kai-shek is anxious to get to grips again. About once a week he has sounded the call to arms, for over a month, but his name is not the magic word it was. And if Chiang Kai-shek cannot procure the sinews of war to fight, who is going to fight?

He has two powerful allies. One is General Yen Hsi-shan who, in his province of Shanai, in the north-centre of China, has a positional advantage which, in

The "Christian General."

This friend is Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, best known as the "Christian General." He holds Honan province, separating Peking from mid-Yangtze, and also Shensi and Kansu in the northwest of China. His name is synonymous with political intrigue. He is also an ally of the Nationalists but more than once he was sorely tempted to steal a march and strike at Shansi from the rear because he coveted the province which had been a "buffer state" for long. The moment is not opportune. The "Christian General" is fighting on the side of Shansi, against a common foe, and he prefers to wait. Meanwhile, he hangs back because he prefers his friends to do the pioneering work for him to reap the spoils.

Heart of China.

A campaign in Hunan and Hupeh provinces—which opened with movements of surprising rapidity—is now drawing to a close after having been unnecessarily prolonged. The victors are several Nationalist Generals whose attitude toward Chiang Kai-shek is doubtful. It is difficult to think of them returning to fight for the Generalissimo but it must be said that they are also unlikely to oppose him. They will pursue their own course, with independence in all respects but name.

The only danger from this part, the heart of China, is renewal of hostilities among the victorious Generals who may squabble for territory. Even so, the trouble will be confined to the sphere concerned and ought not spread.

The Two Kwangs.

Rehabilitation is at a premium in Kwangtung and Kwangsi provinces which are, at present, least likely to send an expedition out of the provincial confines. Kweichow province is hardly worth fighting for. Periodic struggles break out in Yunnan in the south-west of China. Szechuan is too vast for the Generals there to risk any further sorties down the Yangtze.

Where else then is a leader to find territory as a base for operations?

Unsatisfactory Stalemate.

From what is known, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is the one from whom there is the greatest danger. His present hopes are centred in either finding new sources of substantial revenue, or regaining the active support of his former Generals who are now spread in several directions.

There will be no satisfaction in a stalemate. The position will be much the same as it was before the wave of Nationalism swept over three-quarters of the country. Each faction will continue to consolidate its position but will hardly dare to trespass on a neighbour's preserves. And until somebody comes along with a new scheme with which to win over provinces, wholesale, the

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FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

EASTER MEETING.
Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the EASTER MEETING to be held on Saturday, 31st March, may be obtained from Dr. F. PIERCE-GROVE, Alexandra Buildings, ENTRIES close before NOON, Wednesday, 20th March, 1928.

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Hong Kong, March 8, 1928.

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY.
Hong Kong 26th February, 1928.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. O. Building, on FRIDAY, 16th March, 1928, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd March, 1928 to 16th March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1928.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at P. O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 3,000,000 shares of \$10 each to \$6,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on MONDAY, the Second day of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY, the Second day of April, 1928, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorised, to capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised, £1 fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1928."

2. "That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions 'making up the share'."

Dated the 3rd day of March, 1928.
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NOTICES.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on SATURDAY, 10th MARCH, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending December, 1927, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 10th MARCH, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
M. MANUK,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 23rd February, 1928.

NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS, will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1928.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of March, 1928, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 13th March, 1928, until WEDNESDAY, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

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DOCTORS' DILEMMA.

The questionnaire on the subject of the marriage of the unit which four independent and highly placed medical specialists are issuing to hundreds of general practitioners may prove to be one of the most important social documents of our time.

The dominating problem is whether the medical profession should have the right to ban marriages which they know can only result in the offspring being tainted with some form of appalling hereditary disease.

From the medical as well as the social point of view there is much to be said against the practice of family limitation among healthy people but the opponents of these practices have been too quick to jump at conclusions.

What we need is better babies, not necessarily more of them. The main outcry against family limitation seems to be based on the fact that the birth rate is lowest among the wealthy and well-to-do, and highest among the lower economic grades of the social strata. It is on the whole difficult to see why such a phenomenon should give cause for undue pessimism.

In the whole history of mankind the middle classes, have been constantly recruited from the economic and cultural grades beneath them. There has always been an upward urge, and even the aristocracy, which has never been the most racially useful class of society, has always had its thinning ranks replenish from the rank of the community below.

Genius From The Slums.

Instances could be quoted by the score to show that in every sphere of progressive social activity, politics, law, letters, science, and general culture, some of the greatest geniuses have risen from the lowest rungs of the social ladder.

The real problem which any society fighting upwards has to solve is not how to increase fecundity, but to ensure that the product of its fecundity, from whichever end of the social scale it springs, shall have the best opportunity that can be devised for the development of those qualities that make for racial survival.

If a high birth rate were a dominating factor some of the lowest forms of animal life which man has brought into complete subjection would dominate the earth. The flea, the louse, the aphid, or even bacteria would be the lords of creation.

That the children who are born to-day have a better chance of surviving and fitting themselves for the struggle for existence is surely a beyond dispute. Even in the slum areas of our large cities the children are better nourished, better clothed and better educated than at any time in English history.

Class Snobishness.

The physique and mentality of the children of the London County Council schools, of the textile areas

of Yorkshire and Lancashire, and of the mining and lower-paid industrial areas is incomparably better than it was 50 years ago.

An environment of progress has been provided, the chance of survival has been immensely increased, and the infiltration of the best bodies and brains into the ranks of the middle and upper classes has been accelerated.

In an age when it is becoming easier for the offspring of the manual labourer to rise to higher, better-paid and more influential positions, it is class snobishness of the worst kind to bemoan the relatively high birth rate among the worker.

If it were demonstrated that the child of a navy has physically and mentally fewer potentialities for racial progress when he is in his cradle than the offspring of a superman, it would be regrettable if the upper grades of society became less prolific. But that is far from being the case.

It would be easy to enumerate instances where the mating of well-to-do geniuses has resulted in almost imbecile children, and to furnish numerous proofs of the emergence of genius from the slums.

Within limits, a reduction in the number of births is not a bad thing. Small families are, as a rule, better fed, better clothed and better educated than large ones. The environment is better. They are less susceptible to the diseases arising from neglect. Their chance of survival is higher.

The real tragedy is not in permitting some children to be born, but in permitting the birth of many who are likely to deteriorate the race rather than improve it.

Science has taught the stock breeder the futility of breeding from parents tainted with hereditary physical weakness. The weakness is almost invariably accentuated in the offspring. And yet members of the human race suffering from the most terrible hereditary complaints may and do reproduce their tainted kind with a recklessness which to the doctor is positively criminal.

Tragedy of Four Daughters.

The main work of the medical profession is devoted to the treatment of hereditary disease—epilepsy, deaf mutism, tuberculosis, feeble mindedness—to give a few of the most disastrous examples. Sometimes a doctor advises, pleads and threatens against the marriage of the unfit. Almost invariably his friendly offices are angrily resented. The climax of the racial tragedy is that the advance in medicine and hygiene has given the tainted offspring of these unions a much greater chance of survival to carry on their defects to further generations.

A striking instance of the multiplication of the unfit was recently reported in a medical journal. A family was tainted with a particularly intractable complaint which only manifests itself in males, but which is transmitted through the female line.

There were four marriageable-looking daughters. Against every form of medical persuasion and pressure they all insisted on marrying.

They have 20 children between them, all of them suffering from the genial affliction, and none of the males will ever be able to earn a living. This instance is from a family which would socially be described as middle class, and the instance of the disease has no ethical or moral significance.

Doctors see cases of a similar kind arising constantly. That is why they will welcome the new inquiry. It is beyond argument that a rigorous prohibition of reproduction among the physically and mentally degenerate, and hereditarily weak will bring immense benefit to the nation.—"Evening Standard."

STANDARD TIME.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong during March, according to the standard time of the 120th meridian east of Greenwich, is as follows:

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
March	a.m.	p.m.
10	6.37	6.31
11	6.36	6.31
12	6.35	6.32
13	6.34	6.32
14	6.34	6.32
15	6.33	6.33
16	6.32	6.33
17	6.31	6.33
18	6.30	6.33
19	6.29	6.34
20	6.27	6.34
21	6.27	6.35
22	6.26	6.36
23	6.25	6.36
24	6.24	6.36
25	6.23	6.36
26	6.22	6.37
27	6.21	6.37
28	6.20	6.37
29	6.19	6.37
30	6.18	6.38
31	6.17	6.38

COLONY'S WATER.

STORAGE AT BEGINNING OF MONTH.

RETURNS SHOW DECREASE.

The water returns for Hong Kong showing level and storage at reservoirs on March 1 reveal that the amount in storage is below that of a year ago. There was a total of 1,047.75 million gallons in storage as compared with 1,270.08 last year.

In Kowloon, there is an increase, the storage being 404.85 million gallons as compared with 297.74 last year.

In Hong Kong, there was a full supply in all rider mains during February last year, with the exception of the district West of Garden-road where an intermittent supply was given from the 3rd to the 28th February. This year, during February, there was an intermittent supply in all rider main districts.

In Kowloon, there was a full supply in all districts during February both last year and this. Consumption in Hong Kong is about the same, averaging 16.8 gallons per head per day. In Kowloon, the consumption is in excess, being 16.6 as compared with 14.5.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on March 1, 1928:

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

Tytam	127	127
Tytam Byewash	14' 9" B 11' 10" B	
Tytam Intermediate	28' 2" B 28' 8" B	
Tytam Tuk	20' 4" B 27' 11" B	
Wong Nei Chung	19' 1" B 20' 4" B	
Pokfulam	20' 4" B 20' 7" B	

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow". A. denotes "Above Overflow".]

Storage in millions of gallons.

Tytam	127	127
Tytam Byewash	271.21	291.70
Tytam Intermediate	99.52	29.87
Tytam Tuk	806.00	850.02
Wong Nei Chung	10.55	9.62
Pokfulam	23.80	23.25

Total 1,270.08 1,047.75

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February.

Consumption	127	127
Estimated population	101.86	204.54
Consumption per head	409.340	419.660
per day	10.7	16.8

Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts during February with the exception of the district West of Garden-road where an intermittent supply was given from 3rd to 28th February, 1927. Intermittent supply in all Rider Main Districts during February, 1928.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

Kowloon Reservoir	127	127
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	15' 7" B 8' 10" B	
Reception Reservoir	19' 2" B 2' 4" B	
Reception Reservoir	20' 4" B 20' 7" B	

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

Kowloon Reservoir	127	127
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	210.5	266.78
Reception Reservoir	63.14	106.08
Reception Reservoir	24.55	31.69

Total 297.74 404.85

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February.

Consumption	127	127
Estimated population	155.90	164.020
Consumption per head	14.5	16.6

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TANGO MARU Wednesday, 21st March.

AKI MARU Wednesday, 25th April.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.

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NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

MAYEBASHI MARU Monday, 26th March.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

LYONS MARU Saturday, 10th March.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

RANGOON MARU Sunday, 11th March.

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Plans of the New York, London and Paris Steamship Co., for operating the proposed four-day trans-Atlantic steamship service of the Blue Ribbon Line from Montauk Point to Havre, were explained by Mr. C. L. Bardo, vice-president of the American Brown Boveri Co. at a hearing held at New York before Lt.-Col. Ralston, district engineer, on the general plan for improvements at Montauk Point.

It developed that the establishment of the projected terminal will necessitate the construction of two large breakwaters at a cost of about \$760,000, and smaller ones at a cost of about \$80,000. Ordinarily this cost would be borne by the War Department, but it was in-

dicted by Col. J. R. Slattery, who represented the Long Island Railroad Co. at the hearing, that the steamship company might be willing to include this cost in their financing. He said he was not preparing to say what the railroad company would do.

Financial Plan.
The Montauk Point site, Mr. Bardo said, had been chosen as the most available for the operation of the proposed service. Ten vessels are to be operated in the service, he said, connecting with boat trains over the Long Island Railroad to and from New York. The necessary piers and terminal facilities are to be provided by the steamship company.

The financial plans of the company, as previously explained, are based on the possibility of obtaining from the Shipping Board a loan of 75 per cent. of the estimated cost of the ships to be built. These vessels are to cost between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 and are to have a speed of more than 30 knots and ac-

commodations for some 800 passengers. For those who desire additional speed aeroplanes are to be provided for flying ashore when the vessels are within a day or so of either the American or European end of the voyage.

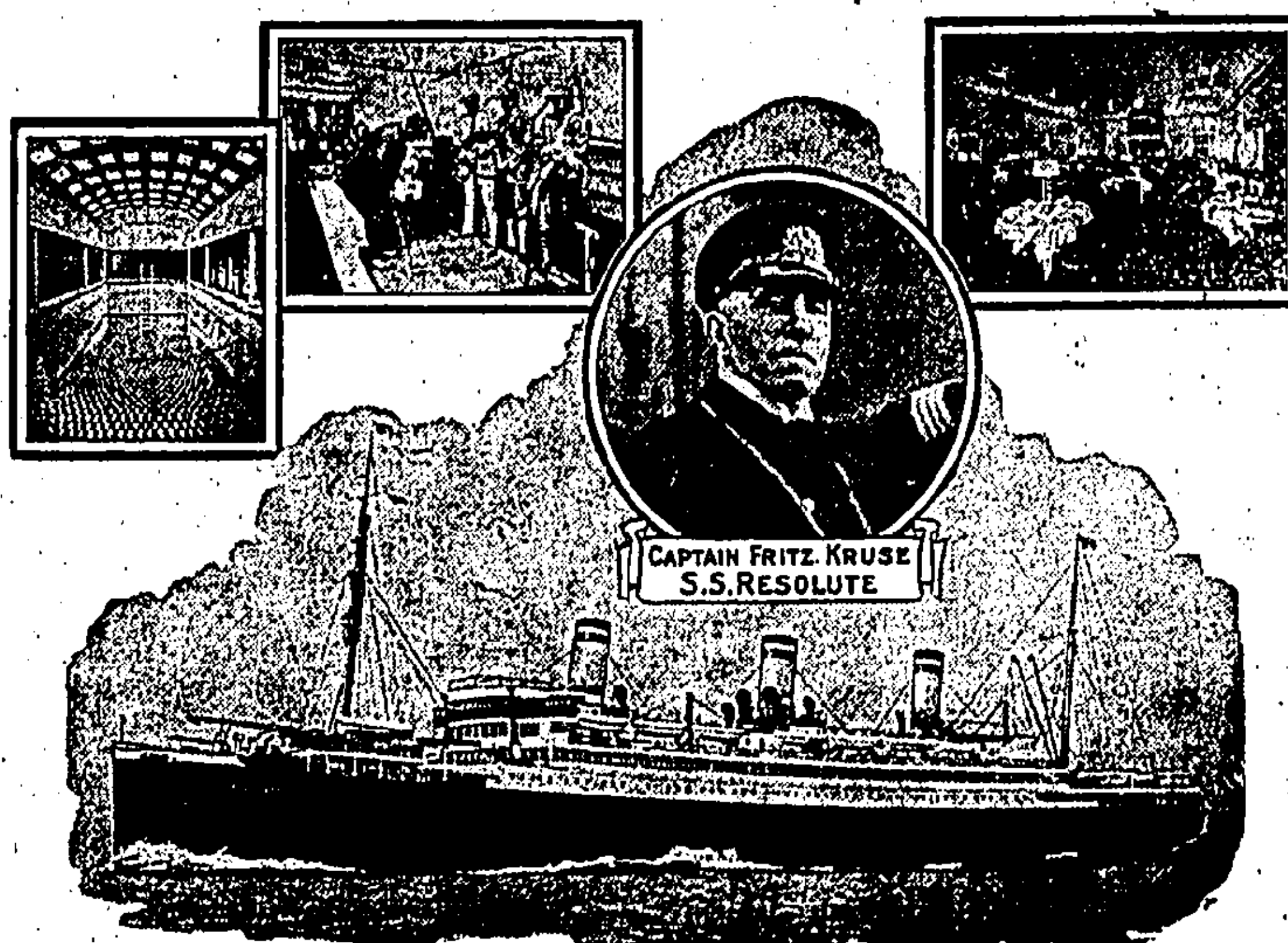
Government's View.

Colonel W. E. Conron, of the Customs Service, pointed out that with a steamship terminal at Montauk Point the Government would be called upon to bear the additional expense of transporting customs inspectors and quarantine officers between New York and Montauk. At the same time he said he believed the Government would lose more through lack of proper inspection of baggage than through the excess cost of transportation. He said he was in favour of any plan tending to improve navigation facilities in the New York area. It was suggested that the steamship company be asked to bear the added cost of transportation of the inspectors.

Lt.-Col. F. C. Myland, United States Navy, who was present as an observer, said if the project was helpful in strengthening the U.S. merchant marine he was certain

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Col. W. J. Barden, engineer of the North-eastern division, and Major W. D. Styer, military assistant to the district engineer, sat with Lt.-Col. Ralston at the hearing. The report of the hearing will be transmitted to Washington to be passed upon by the War Department.

It is understood that the backers of the four-day ship plan count upon a substantial allowance from the Post Office Department for carrying the European mails. Incidentally revision of the Ocean Mail Act of 1891 is proposed in a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Copeland. This measure provides for the carriage of the mails on a contract basis in American vessels which may be converted into auxiliary cruisers in time of war.

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The problem of the internal-combustion turbine is still as difficult as ever, and it is with regret that another blank year has to be recorded. The incidental use of the turbine in connection with the reciprocating motor has, however, received a fair amount of attention, and the combination is full of promise for the future.—Mr. D. M. Shannon, M.I.Mech.E.

OWNER HONOURED.

PRESENTATION TO MR. DAVID JONES.

Mr. David Jones, one of the London directors of the Elder Dempster Line, who has done so much to place the Liverpool National Welsh Society in such a flourishing condition, was honoured by the president (Lord Mostyn) and members at a meeting held in the Royal Institution, Colquhoun-street, Liverpool. It was the presentation to him of his portrait in oils, painted by the well-known Liverpool artist, Mr. E. T. Cornall.

Many tributes were paid to Mr. Jones' services on behalf of the Society of which he was the chairman for 15 years before his removal to London. It was stated that during the war the society's flag was kept flying mainly through Mr. Jones.

The chairman of the society (Mr. J. T. Jones) said they positively deplored Mr. David Jones' removal to London, and they congratulated him in a minor key. In honouring Mr. Jones they honoured themselves, for his generosity, kindness, help and advice on every occasion had been beyond praise. One of the speakers said he did not know a man who was more lovable or was so easy to work with than Mr. Jones. He had never seen Mr. Jones in a temper or a bad humour.

Lord Mostyn, in making the presentation, said he thought it was a living likeness, and it was given by the society as a token of the great love and esteem that he was held in by every member of the society.

Mr. Jones, in replying, said it had been a pleasure to him to render what services he could to the society. The great thing in a city like Liverpool for Welshmen was to feel at home, and he thought they did feel at home. It was better to be loved than to be feared, because they might count upon receiving the best from those who loved them, and he looked upon that portrait as an emblem of the love and good feeling they bore towards him. He had been in Liverpool for 46 years, during which happy connections had been formed.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The M.V. s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Hamburg on January 27, and is due here to-day.

The G.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai on February 25, and is due here on March 15.

The G.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama on March 7 at 4 p.m., left Yokohama on Feb. 8 at noon, and is due at Hong Kong on March 15 in the morning. She will sail for Manila on March 17 at 5 p.m.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Bolton Castle" sailed from New York on February 4, and is due here on March 25.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Venezia" sailed from Port Said on Feb. 20, and is due here on March 29.

The D. & Co. M.V. "Toledo" sailed from New York on February 15, and is due here on April 12.

GERMAN SHIPPING.

THE CONCENTRATION MOVEMENT.

STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION.

The deputy-chairman of the board of directors of the Hamburg-America Line, Herr M. Beyer, contributes to the "Hansa" an important article on the "Economic Position of German Shipping in 1927." The effects of the much-discussed concentration of the big Hamburg shipping interests which took place at the end of 1926, he writes, can, after a year's experience, be described with full confidence as a step in the right direction. Had this concentration not taken place, friction among the important Hamburg shipowners would have been unavoidable, and this would only have had as a result—as is so frequently the case when two parties are at strife—that a third party would have gathered the harvest, and that there would perhaps have been quite a different transformation of German shipping.

But it was not alone from this point of view, the writer continues, that the amalgamation was right, but also because the increase of strength of German shipping in world competition which was gained thereby had become noticeable in an extraordinary degree. It was true that such events never took place without a certain amount of friction from those quarters to which amalgamations of that nature were presumably or really—but mostly presumably—inconvenient. But these little difficulties were soon overcome when sound business commonsense was kept in the foreground. "One should rather regard such frictions," Herr Beyer argues, "as a stimulant towards that competition which, through a stronger utilisation of the available tonnage, gives German shipping an increased importance on the routes concerned. The existing international agreements (conferences, pools, etc.) constitute a protecting bulwark against all really destructive intention."

How Conferences Work.

Herr Beyer thinks that the amalgamations to which he has alluded are only suitable for what is known in Germany as the "Gross-schiffahrt," and could not be suitably applied to the coasting trade. Returning to the subject of conferences, he writes:—

"As to the regulating effect of conferences, I must mention that the fears of the commercial community that the concentration of the big shipowners might find expression in a stronger attitude of the navigation companies towards higher freight rates or a more ruthless exploitation of their own economic power, have not been realised, and, indeed, cannot be realised. The conferences are such supremely sensitive and easily irritated organisations that for their own sakes they look with the greatest vigilance for weak spots where attacks can be made, and when such attacks are to be feared or become apparent they are immediately ready to protect their shipping customers against the influence of disloyal competition."

"A typical example of how conferences work has been given during the last eight months by the South African service. Until that time trade to South Africa was growing steadily and quietly under a 'merchants' agreement,' and nobody complained about rates being too high, until one single firm wished to have preferential terms, which, out of well-founded regard to other shippers, could not be granted. The firm in question succeeded in finding an enterprising shipping concern which was prepared to meet its requirements, but in a very short time, because the conference wished to protect its customers, the rates were reduced by 6s., that is to say, the cost of loading and discharge. The result so far as the merchants are concerned is the flooding of the South African market with the goods chiefly affected, and such a complete disturbance of the market that every merchant is longing for the old times to return."

The Rebate System.

"Thus another proof is given, as it has been given again and again, of the fact that under conference conditions the shipper, on the one hand, can work quietly and in security, while, on the other hand, the conference will always be able to deal effectively with the under-biddings of outsiders. There is a certain amount of complaint about the 'rebate system' and about the shipowners holding the rebates back for a long time. Negotiations in this connection between the two parties have so far led to no result, but there is every hope that with goodwill on both sides this difficulty will soon be overcome. The big Hamburg shipping amalgamation," Herr Beyer proceeds, "has had a further favour-

able effect because, through the strengthened accumulation of capital, the building of more ships has become possible. A certain rivalry is noticeable between the shipping companies in regard to the speed of their ships, and especially of the cargo vessels. A sea speed of 14 knots was formerly regarded as something quite special and for passenger steamers as very good. At the present time numerous freighters are being built with this speed and are entering into sharp competition with the slower boats on the long voyages. No doubt the development of shipbuilding and the increasing use of motors and turbines has contributed to this result, and it is satisfactory to find that Germany, so far as most of her new cargo ships are concerned, can offer shippers the same advantages as the shipowners of other countries."

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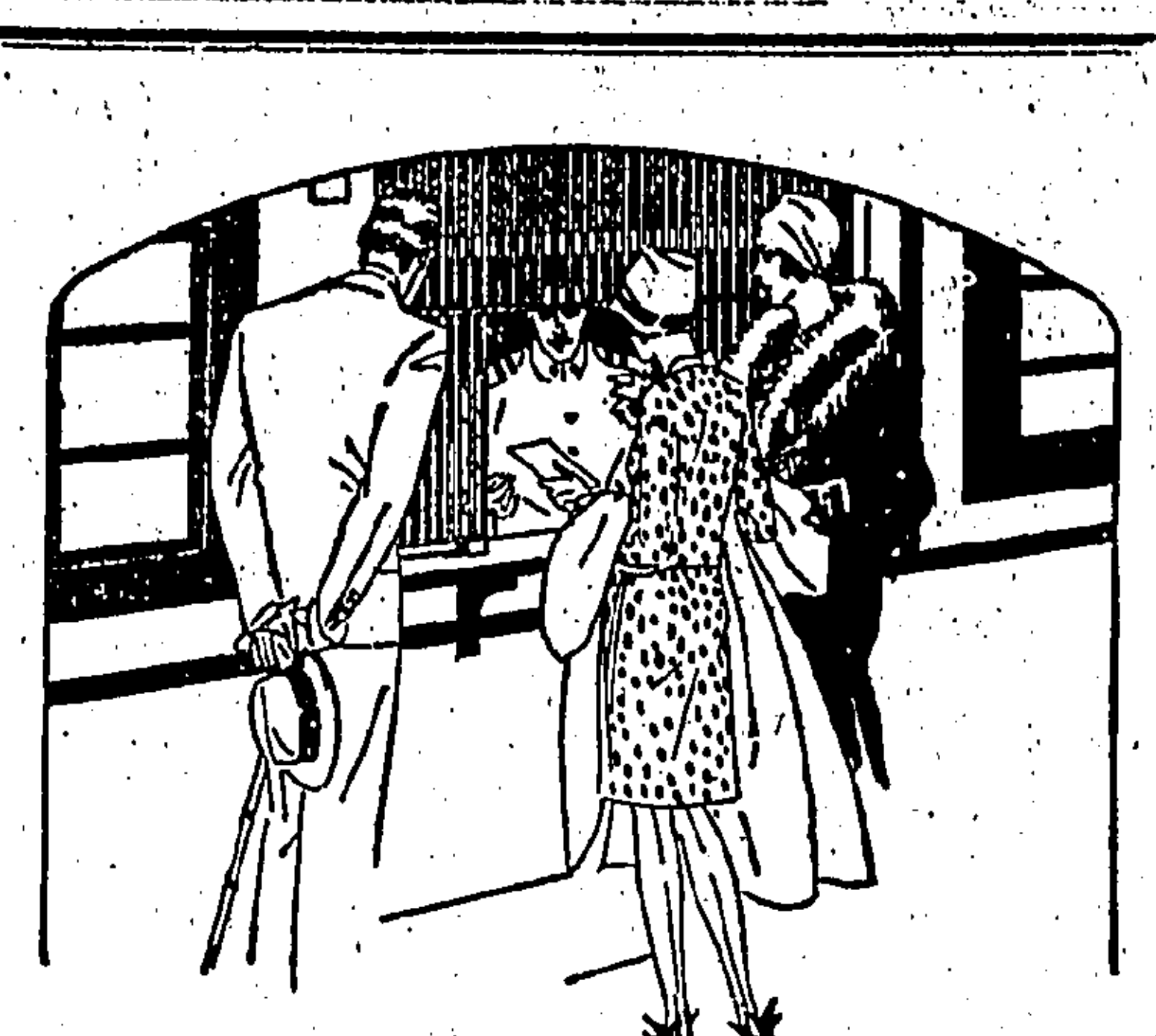
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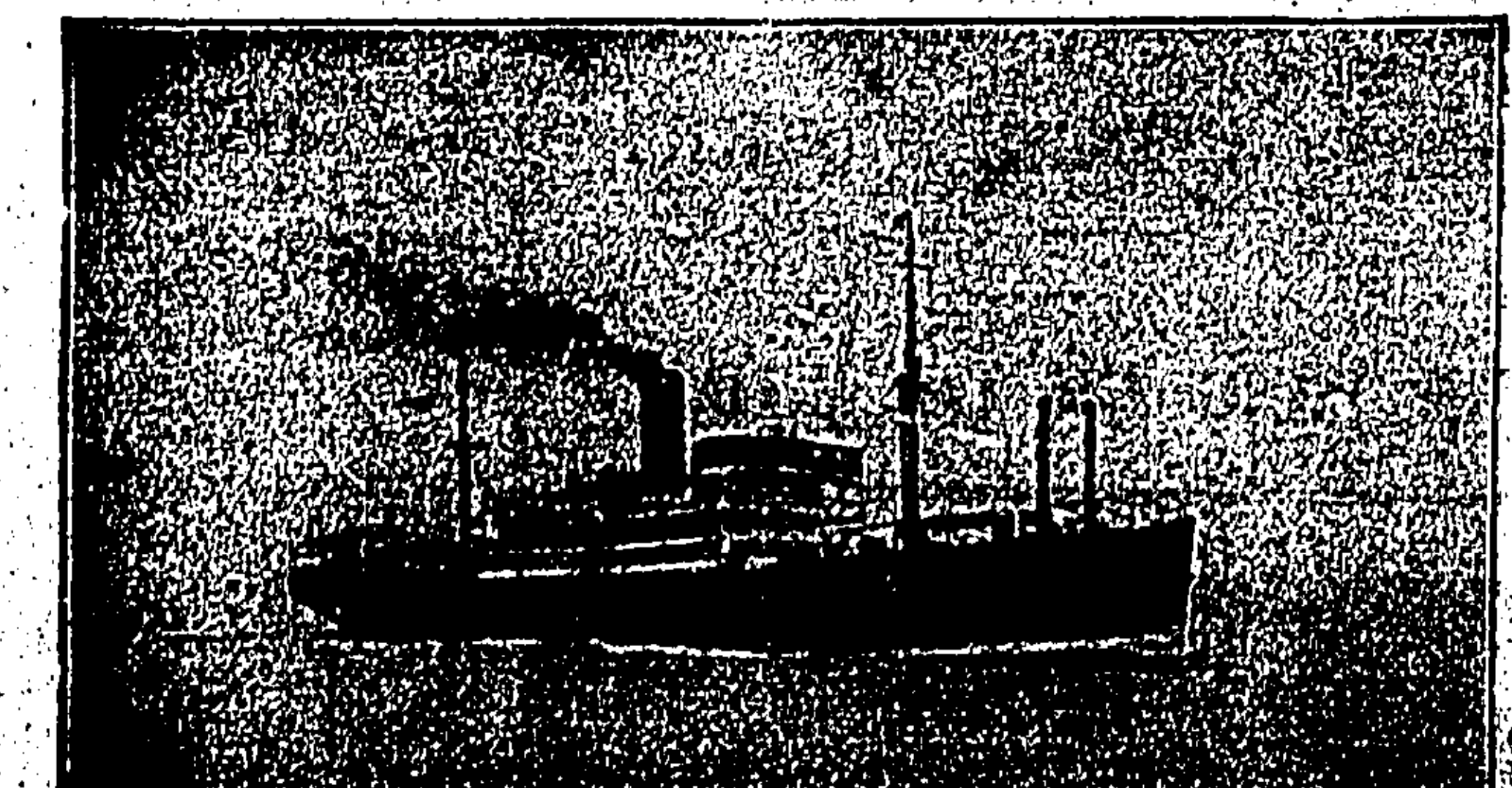
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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

The Colony has every reason to be proud of its new "Middle School"—King's College—the formal opening of which took place this week. Formerly Saiyungpun School, King's College, in addition to possessing a building more in keeping with the high standard of educational facilities afforded, is equipped with a first-class physics and chemistry laboratory, Library and Museum, Art Room, Cinema and Swimming Pool—not to mention a most capable and energetic staff—which render it an ideal training ground for students later proceeding to the University or, in fact, in any walk of life. Saiyungpun School dates back nearly fifty years and during that period it has steadily grown, students, from a mere handful, now numbering many hundreds—the new building provides accommodation for 900. Its steady growth is due in large measure to the whole-hearted manner in which the various headmasters and their staffs have devoted themselves to the interests of the school and students and particularly does this apply to Mr. A. Morris, the present Headmaster, and his staff; they are heartily to be congratulated on the successful conclusion of endeavours extending over many years for the provision of suitable housing and facilities for the school. The one thing lacking at present is the provision of recreation ground and it is to be hoped that the needs of King's College will be kept in mind by the Recreation Ground Committee when allotments are made.

Considerable interest attaches to the motor cycle reliability trial to be held to-morrow under the auspices of the mobile section of the Armoured Car Company, Hong Kong Volunteers. The course, which extends over a hundred miles of road and track on the Island, affords an excellent test of reliability of control and resource on the part of the rider and of the "staying" power and adaptability of the machines. There is no call for excessive speed—in fact, arrival at given points before the time fixed by judges who have covered the course, militates against the success of the competitor. There should therefore be no repetition of the unfortunate accident during the speed trials over four years ago when one of the competitors was killed and another injured. The trial should serve a useful purpose in encouraging efficiency of control and in opening up some of the island's beauty spots to some who in the past may have looked no further afield than the ride to Repulse Bay and back. The Armoured Car section is a very live unit of the Volunteers and its officers and members are to be congratulated on affording still further evidence of their interest in matters beyond the routine work of soldiering. In passing, it should be noted that the event is not confined to members of the section, in fact there are many outside the Corps who have entered.

It was a timely reminder which was given by Sir Austen Chamberlain at Geneva to those Powers who have failed to ratify the Opium Convention of 1925. The opium problem would be well on the way to solution by now if all the signatories had ratified it in the same spirit as have the British Empire and the Government of India. Not only have stringent measures been taken to suppress smuggling direct from India but legal exports from India to other countries have been annually reduced and will, within a certain period, be entirely extinguished. It is significant, in this regard, that the Superintendent of Imports and Exports in Hong Kong, in his annual report, stated that smuggling into Hong Kong of Indian opium was now practically non-existent. This is more than can be said for the products of other signatories to the Convention. Barring the territory of a nation which, despite efforts which have been made, for its

suppression, must be numbered among the world's greatest consumers of opium, and numbering amongst its population thousands who use the drug, Hong Kong has reason to recognise the necessity for the immediate ratification and rigid enforcement of the Convention. It is true that opium is sold here under Government aegis but, as in all possessions of the British Empire where opium is temporarily admitted, every transaction from import to individual sales is under State service and every person participating in its disposal is a paid servant of the State. In this manner, push sales and encouragement to addictive use are entirely removed and, if it were possible to give adequate protection from smuggled products from other countries, the opium traffic here and in other possessions would be speedily brought under complete control.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A SOLDIER'S POWER.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—Last night (Thursday) between 9.30 and 10 p.m. when I stood to speak to another Chinese friend under the verandah of the Soldiers' Club, near the kerb, a soldier (wearing a Military Police band) ordered us off the footpath on to the road, saying: "If you want to talk, talk out there." When I asked what his authority was he said: "This sidewalk is military land." I and my friend then went on to the road as ordered, but I would like to inquire, Sir, whether this public footpath on a public street is really military land and whether this soldier was empowered to order us on to the road.

I should mention that there were no other people standing there at the time, and there was, therefore, no question of obstruction.

I am, etc.,

A CHINESE.

Hong Kong, March 9, 1928.

ST. GEORGE'S.

ANNUAL MEETING OF H.K. SOCIETY.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The report of the year's activities, together with statement of finances, was presented by the President, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., at yesterday's annual meeting of St. George's Society. The President reported on the wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph and the holding of two cinema performances at Queen's Theatre on the occasion of last year's St. George's Day. Unfortunately, another Society staged a football match on the same day and the attendance was not so big as it otherwise might have been. With regard to the ball, members would be glad to know that it was both a social and financial success. The profit on the Ball was between \$1,200 and \$1,400.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected:—
President: Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O.
Vice-President: Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.
Committee: Messrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, S. Baker, J. Bentley, P. S. Cassidy, E. Cock, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, W. J. Eldridge, W. W. Hornell, R. E. Lindell, T. E. Pearce, F. A. Perry, and E. D. C. Wolfe.
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. C. P. Marcell.
Hon. Secretary: Mr. S. T. Butlin.
The chair was then taken by the new President and discussion took place as to how best St. George's Day could be observed. It was thought that an entertainment for the Services might be arranged in addition to the wreath laying ceremony and Ball. Details were left to the Incoming Committee.
Thanks were expressed to Mr. Alabaster and the outgoing Committee for their work during the year.

COMING WEDDING.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. James Carson Ferguson, of 113, Kowloon Road, to Miss Lilian Ferguson, of 170, Kowloon Road.

KOWLOON MURDER.

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST A WATCHMAN.

LAICHIKOK CRIME ECHO.

The case against the Indian watchman of the murder of a fellow-watchman employed at the Standard Oil Company's installation at Laichikok, opened at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith prosecuting. Mr. Whyte Smith detailed the events of the evening of the murder—February 18—as they appeared from the evidence for the prosecution. Both men had been on duty together and were relieved at 6.30 p.m. Evidence would be produced to show that they had both been drinking heavily prior to going on duty. Shortly afterwards two men who would be identified as the deceased and prisoner were observed running and it would appear that the prisoner made a grab at the other. They then disappeared out of sight.

The deceased returned to his quarters later but at 9.30 p.m. he went out. As regarded the prisoner evidence would be given that the foreman in charge of the reclamation contractors was awakened some time between 7.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. by the prisoner who said he wanted a knife sharpened, the foreman hearing a noise of an instrument being sharpened shortly afterwards.

The deceased was missed the next morning and, following a search, his body was found with severe gashes on head and face. Prisoner was arrested at the railway station with a single ticket to Sumchun in his possession. He was arrested and on his uniform were found traces of blood.

Afternoon Hearing.

At the afternoon hearing, Mr. K. S. Chowdhury appeared for the defendant.

The first witness was the Indian watchman in charge at the Standard Oil Company's installation who spoke as to seeing both the deceased and prisoner the worse for drink prior to the murder.

Dr. J. E. Dovey gave medical evidence as to the nature of the wounds and, regarding the condition of prisoner when arrested, said that at the time of examination he was perfectly sober and fit to be charged. (In answer to the charge, prisoner said he had been drinking and knew nothing.)

Questioned by Mr. Chowdhury, witness said he was unable to say whether the prisoner had had any drinks during the twenty-hour hours previous to the examination.

DYING LANGUAGE.

HAWAIIAN NEWSPAPER TO DISCONTINUE.

The "Kuokoa" one of the most novel newspapers in the world, using just 12 letters of the alphabet, will be discontinued this year. Printed in the native language of Hawaii since 1861, the "Kuokoa" was with one exception the oldest general newspaper printed in the islands. For many years it had a circulation unequalled by any other newspaper published in Hawaii.

There are just 12 letters necessary to write the musical language of the Hawaiians, which was only a spoken language until the coming of missionaries, who put the island tongue in writing.

The Hawaiians still use their native language in talking to one another, in their songs, and ceremonials, but as they have all learned to use English as fluently as Hawaiian, the circulation of "Kuokoa" dropped off.

ELECTRIC RAT.

INDOOR FOX TERRIER RACE MEETING.

The first fox terrier race meeting—at which the dogs were to chase an electrically propelled stuff rat—was to take place at the Stadium Club, High Holborn, on Feb. 6.

Racing was to be private, entries of dogs being limited to members. Entered dogs were to be placed in the club kennels at Pinner, Middlesex, for a fortnight before the race so that the officials could learn something of the "temper" of the candidates.

On the first night there were to be four flat races with five runners and two hurdle races with four runners in each. Betting on the races was forbidden, but a specially adapted totalisator, the first to be used on dog racing in Europe, was to be in operation for credit wagering.

A second meeting was to be held four days later and afterwards on three nights a week.

It is claimed that this new sport will encourage the breeding of terriers and increase their usefulness.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

A literary man and a well-known Labour leader had been having a night out. In the morning the latter remarked, "I've got an 'ell' of an 'ead. What is a 'good thing for it?' 'You might try an aspirate,'" said the literary gent.

"The world has just witnessed two of the greatest experiments in social reform ever attempted, namely: (1) Trying to make Russia free of revolution, and (2) trying to make the United States moral by prohibition. It is hard to say which of the two has been the greater failure."—Sir William Bull, K.C.

"Is your friend, the company promoter, a man you can trust?" "That fellow! Why, he's so crooked that even the wool he pulls over your eyes is half cotton."

First Film Actor: So the pistol was really loaded? Well, that was certainly terrible.

Wounded Ditty: I wouldn't have minded it so much, but the producer yelled: "That isn't the way to fall when you're shot, you idiot!"

Employer: Doing anything special to-night, Miss Dawdle?

Clerk (hopefully): Oh, no, not a thing.

Employer: Then you might try to get to business on time in the morning.

Visitor: What makes you so sure you're going to move one of these days, James?

James: I scratched the banister several times yesterday and mama never paid any attention.

Professor: For the last time I'm going to try to explain this triangle to you.

Co-Ed: How nice. Which is the wife and which is the other man?

People say and do strange things when "coming round" after laughing-gas. Some swear. Some hit out at the dentist, who is generally careful to stand clear. But my dentist had the most shattering experience of his life when he offered a bowl to a Bishop who was just regaining consciousness after gas, and who, to all appearances, was quite compos mentis. "Spit," said the dentist. The Bishop turned on him with genuine outraged episcopal dignity. "Spit?" he exclaimed. "Spit? I never spit from the pulpit!"

The Veteran.—"Have you a war record?"

"Yes, I served three years with the Innocent Bystanders of Chicago."

"I do not cut the hair," says Antoine, famous French hair trimmer now in the U.S. "I sculpture it." Wonder if he ever takes a chip off the old block?

At the Director's Meeting.—First Director: He is 45 minutes late; wonder what's holding him up. Second Director: You mean "who?"

Senator Bulger (Speaking over radio): Before I begin my address I want to assure my unseen audience that any fault they may find with my talk to-night will be due to the fact that the morning papers will misquote me.

"What is an organiser?" "Aw, he's the guy that makes music in church."

Wife: Dear, a little bird told me that you were going to buy me a motor car for my birthday. Hubby: Darling, it must have been a lyre bird.

Motorist: I say, my car's stuck in the mud; can you tell me where I can get help before it sinks further in?

Native: Oh, that's all right for the time being—there's another one underneath it.

"So you really want me to visit you?" "Yes, you must look in. I've been terribly lonesome since my goldfish died."

Housewife: Why, Mary! What do you mean by looking through that keyhole? Maid: Well, I—er—er—was dusting, and I thought I'd look and see if there was any cobwebs in it, mum.

Mr. Tavish went into a Glasgow antique shop to buy a pair of antlers that had taken his fancy. After considerable haggling the dealer cut the price in half. But Mr. Tavish still wasn't satisfied.

"Hoch mon," he complained, "are they no awfu' dear!"

"Of course they're off a dear," roared the man behind the counter. "Did ye think they came frae a rab?"

CANTON VISIT.

(Continued From Page 1.)

The Governor and I are now becoming very well acquainted and we hope to exchange private visits when time permits. By so doing it will serve as a manifestation of the mutual co-operation of Hong Kong and Canton. Lady Clementi has promised to visit us again and to bring her children. We hope Sir Cecil Clementi will find time to come as well, so as to enable us to reciprocate in a small way our duty as hosts.

A Great Traveller.

Sir Cecil has lived for a long time in this country and he has travelled a great deal not only in Kwangtung, but also in the province of Kwangsi. He is known as a great traveller and he speaks Cantonese with the fluency of those of us who are natives and he can also speak some of the dialects of the two Kwang provinces.

His great knowledge of the Chinese language is helping to bridge the gulf between Eastern and Western civilisations. He is known as a learned man. Besides being in Government service for thirty years, during which time he has worked upwards from being a student to the highest rank as Governor, he has had a wonderful career of public service, and is known as a great statesman.

By his work with the official circles of the two Kwang provinces, and his efforts to improve Anglo-Chinese relations, he has proved himself a great diplomat. We are welcoming His Excellency to-day not merely for reasons of individual friendship but we regard His Excellency as a friend of the Chinese people.

Chinese Merchants.

A mistake being made by some of our people is to put too much stress on foreign studies and to neglect the ancient Chinese classics and teachings. They should look to His Excellency as their example. He has made a thorough study of the Ancient Classics and teachings not only of his own language but also of Chinese.

Luckily the international misunderstandings have been cleared up, and goodwill and friendship are increasing every day. His Excellency's visit to Canton to-day provides a good opportunity for cultivating such goodwill and friendship. Furthermore, the Chinese merchants of Hong Kong are also coming forward with a view to promoting commerce between Canton and Hong Kong. His Excellency and myself will give full support to this project and we are rejoicing over it.

Hearty Welcome.

Now, as representative of the Branch Executive Council and the Kwangtung Provincial Government I extend a hearty welcome to His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi. Let us all drink to the health of His Excellency and Lady Clementi, to the prosperity of England, to the goodwill and friendship between China and England, and to the steady increase of commerce between Canton and Hong Kong. (Applause.)

SIR C. CLEMENTI.

Traditional Amity Restored.

Sir Cecil Clementi replied as follows:—
"Marshal Li Chai-sum, I rejoice to be here to-day as Your Excellency's guest, and I thank you very sincerely for your welcome. It is now almost thirty years since I originally came to Canton and lived for a while at first within the city near the Flowerly Pagoda in the Yamen, which recently was handed back by the British Government to Your Excellency, and later as tenant of a house in Kun Yin Fong in the Western Suburb. Those were happy days for me; I used to enjoy finding my way through the maze of streets in the town, talking with the people, making purchases in the shops, and retiring every now and then to the seclusion of the monasteries in the White Cloud Hills.

Rambles in South China.
"I am one of the few who have walked on foot from Canton to Kowloon before the railway was built, and I loved sailing on the waterways of the Delta.

My travels also took me into Kwangsi province, where I was sent officially by the Hong Kong Government to assist in famine relief work in 1903. On that occasion I spent most of my time in Tsam-chou-fu, Kwai-Yun and Nan-Ning-fu. But on other occasions I have travelled through Lau-Chap-fu, Heng-Yun-fu and Tung-Lan-chou into Kweichow province, and I have also travelled from Kweichow province into Hunan province and thence to Kwei-Lam and down the Fu River to Wuchow.

Greatest Affection.

"So I think I may fairly claim to have acquired considerable first-hand knowledge of the Liang Kwang provinces, and though I have also made many journeys in other parts of China, it is the Liang

REDS IN HUNAN.

BLOODLESS RISING AT LILING.

TROOPS JOIN COMMUNISTS.

Shanghai, To-day.
It is learned from an authentic source at Hankow that the Communists have staged a successful though bloodless uprising at Liling, in Hunan, and now control the town. A number of Chen Chien's men sent against them from Changsha turned over to the Communists, thus making the position most serious.

Extra troops are now being dispatched from Changsha. Developments are being awaited in Hankow with anxiety.—Reuter.

TANTAH RIOTS.

HOOLIGANS RELEASE PRISONERS.

Cairo, Yesterday.
The situation at Tanta is quiet. Fourteen shops, eight of which are owned by British subjects, chiefly Maltese, were plundered in yesterday's rioting. Hooligans joined the students, storming the police station at Tanta and released their arrested comrades.—Reuter.

TANGIER PROBLEM.

POWERS TO MEET IN PARIS.

London, Yesterday.
Following upon the agreement between France and Spain which was signed last Saturday, an invitation has now been received by Britain to attend a conference in Paris commencing on Thursday next, at which representatives of France, Spain, Italy and Britain will be present with a view to completing agreements on the subject of the administration of Tangier.—British Wireless Service.

FENGTIEN FORCES.

OFFENSIVE AGAINST KUOMINCHUN.

Peking, Yesterday.
Generals Chang Hsueh-liang and Yang Yu-tung returned to Paoing-fu after an extensive tour of inspection of all the Fengtien troops on the Kin-Han front. It is freely reported in Fengtien circles that the North is prepared for an offensive against the Kuominchun. It is stated that General Sun Chuan-fang will concentrate 70,000 men between Yenchow and Tsinling. As soon as he launches his attack against the Kuominchun the Fengtien troops on the Kin-Han front will join in.—Reuter.

REDS IN SINGAPORE.

SEDITIONARY LITERATURE AND BOMBS SEIZED.

Singapore, Yesterday.
A fortnight's strenuous police activity culminated in a raid on the headquarters of the South Seas Revolutionary Party, which is a Communist organisation. The haul comprised seditious literature, completed bombs and materials for their manufacture. Two Chinese were arrested, including the leader of the organisation.—Reuter.

Kwang provinces for which I have the greatest affection and to which I always return with the greatest pleasure.

"You will easily understand, therefore, what a grief it was to me when, on my assumption of duty as Governor of Hong Kong in 1926, I found that Russian malice had provoked an artificial semblance of enmity between Canton and Hong Kong. Never at any time, even when the anti-British boycott was at its height, was there any feeling of enmity in Hong Kong towards Canton. On the contrary, we always believed that in spite of outward appearances there was no real change at heart in your friendly feeling for us, and that sooner or later you would realise how completely the Bolsheviks and Communism have been expelled from Canton, and the long-standing friendship of Canton for Hong Kong has been restored. I rejoice to know that the recent visit of Your Excellency to Hong Kong and my present visit to Canton are but the outward and visible signs of a true friendship uniting the colonial and provincial governments as well as the people of Hong Kong and Canton. It is my earnest hope that this traditional amity may never again be disturbed, and on behalf of the Hong Kong Government I pledge you my full co-operation to that end."

A RECORD YEAR.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Work of Staff.

I feel sure that in view of this record you will endorse a bonus to the Staff of 15 per cent. on their salaries in recognition of the hard work and loyal support given. I need not remind you that the successful handling of fresh supplies, such as meat, milk and butter, requires calls upon our staff at all times of the day and night, while the care of a large herd of cattle means that our staff at the farm are never released from duty.

The herd is in excellent condition and in this respect much is due to the hard work and constant attention of the farm staff whose careful feeding and research work is showing excellent results both in increased milk yields and prevention of diseases.

Your property and plant have been maintained in their high state of efficiency which is essential in the interests of public health.

I will not weary you by a lengthy recital of the progress of the Company, but a few figures may be of interest. From a small but brave start under the guidance of the late Sir Patrick Manson, then a local practitioner, with a capital of only \$25,000.00 and a herd of 100 cattle, the Farm came into existence in 1886. After a somewhat precarious existence, an outbreak of rinderpest in 1896 carried off the whole herd and the Company had to be reconstructed. Dr. Noble, assisted by Mr. Walker, our former Manager, taking the initiative.

Company's Growth.

The new Company which started with a Capital of only \$60,000 has been gradually increased to the present figure of one and a half millions. From providing milk only, for the small foreign community, the activities have expanded and now comprise an output of milk over 1,000 gallons per day from a herd of 900 cattle; fattening poultry for the table; rearing pigs for our ham and bacon trade and shop use, turkeys, and other stock in season. In addition to milk we provide fresh cream, ice cream, cream cheese, "Dun-style" Cheese, special milk for infants, invalids, etc. From our cold stores, we provide ice, butter, all kinds of meat, fish, etc., which are distributed to the public through no less than six branch stores conveniently situated to meet public demands. Through our shipping department we provision the leading mail and other lines of steamers calling at Hong Kong and through our subsidiary or affiliated Companies, we are able also to serve the public in Canton, Macao, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin, &c. Our East Point cold stores have a total capacity of 4,000 tons where can be seen a miscellaneous assortment of goods from carpets and furs to fresh eggs, vegetables, fruit &c., which we store for clients. With the additional plant now being installed, our output of ice will be sufficient to take care of all demands for some years to come.

In many of our stores, our friends, Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., co-operate so that it is possible for practically all necessities for the table to be procured under one roof, without the inconvenience of going from store to store. Compared with 1907, our turnover has increased by 800 per cent. and it is this quick turnover, that enables the Company to retail at prices which the ever increasing demands upon us show to be favourable.

During the year Messrs. A. S. D. Cousland and J. J. Paterson resigned on leaving the Colony and The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. A. B. Stewart have been invited to fill the vacancies. I now have pleasure in proposing that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

INDIAN TROOPS.

NOT BEING SENT TO KOWEIT.

London, Yesterday.
The India Office states that no Indian troops have been or are being sent to Koweit.—Reuter.

WORLD'S OIL.

INCREASE OF 14 PER CENT. IN 1927.

The world's production of petroleum during 1927 totalled 1,254,000,000 barrels, an increase of 150,000,000 barrels, or 14 per cent. over the figures for 1926.

The Bureau of Mines, states an Exchange message from Washington, reports that the United States continues to produce more than 70 per cent. of the world's total. The United States output increased from 770,874,000 barrels in 1926 to 906,800,000 barrels in 1927. Mexican production decreased 23,000,000 barrels in the second place and Venezuela at the third.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE CIRCUS" AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE.

TO-DAY'S FINAL RUNS.

Pictures showing for the last time to-day are Charlie Chaplin's latest comedy, "The Circus," at the Queen's, "Drusilla with a Million" at the World and "The Little Irish Girl" at the Star. "The Circus" which has been running since Sunday has drawn record houses which fact proves that Chaplin is as popular as ever. Charlie plays the part of a wandering tramp who is mixed up in a series of hilarious adventures, chases, arguments and ovations that land him into the circus as a handyman. Merna Kennedy, who is his leading lady, has never before appeared on the screen, and does splendid work as the daughter of the circus proprietor.

WORLD AND STAR.

"Drusilla with a Million" is the story of a "little old lady" and of her trials in life. With a cast headed by Mary Carr, this picture is full of human interest, being convincingly simple and true to life. When Drusilla, who has for years been a slave and charity patient at a home, inherits her million she tries to befriend all the orphan babies and children in the world, and right there the fun and trouble begins. "Drusilla with a Million" is an unusual picture in every sense of the word.

"The Little Irish Girl" at the Star is a mystery comedy of a very high order. Beautiful Dolores Costello, is alluring as the girl crook, cynical and sophisticated until she meets and falls in love with an honest, good looking youth, played by John Hazen. How this pair, after many amusing and some exciting adventures, successfully break up the gang of confidence men is skilfully told and there is not one dull moment in the picture from start to finish.

"TWO ARABIAN KNIGHTS."

"Two Arabian Knights," which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre on Wednesday next by general request, is an amusing comedy of two soldiers who escape from a war prison camp and eventually land in Arabia. The leading roles are filled by Louis Wolheim, who played the original part of Captain Flagg in "What Price Glory" as a stage play, William Boyd, a popular screen star, and Mary Astor, who played opposite Douglas Fairbanks in "Don Q."

MUKDEN'S FINANCE.

INDUSTRIAL TROUBLES DUE TO FENGPIAO FAIL.

Mukden, Feb. 29.
The financial crisis caused by the recent slump of fengpiao naturally entails the necessity of considerable adjustment in the scale of wages to the employees of industrial establishments, an adjustment which cannot be brought about without friction between employers and labour. Thus, on February 20, hundreds of workers in the paper mills in Mukden City went on strike, demanding a raise from fengpiao notes 152 to 267 per month. By mediation of the General Guild, however, new terms were offered next day, the employers agreeing to pay 204 per month, but the workmen continue on strike, and the restive spirit is spreading to other industries as well.—Reuter.

Reorganisation Scheme.

Mukden, Feb. 28.
So as to be better able to reorganise the provincial finances, it was recently decided by the Mukden Board of Finance to centralise all the financial affairs, so that all the locally collected revenue, will have to be remitted to the provincial treasury and all disbursements made only through the same agency. In order to support the fengpiao currency it has been proposed by the General Guild that the adoption of the large dollar standard should be strictly prohibited, that official maximum prices should be fixed, and that the firms facing bankruptcy should be helped on their feet.

From Kirin and Changchun it is, however, reported that a large number of firms are adopting the silver dollar or Yen standard, instead of the Harbin or Kirin dollar notes, notwithstanding the fact that the latter, temporarily at least, have recovered considerably from their recent depression. Harbin dollar (paper) being quoted as high as 1.60 on February 20.—Reuter.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Circus."
To-day—World Theatre; "Drusilla With A Million."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Little Irish Girl."

To-day—Concert, Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 11—Music, Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 11-12—World Theatre; "The Small Bachelor."

March 11-12—Star Theatre; "The Tumbling River."

March 11-13—Queen's Theatre; "The Demi Bride."

March 14—Queen's Theatre; "Two Arabian Knights."

March 13-14—World Theatre; "Stella Dallas."

March 13-14—Star Theatre; "The Unholy Three."

March 15-17—Queen's Theatre; "My Best Girl."

March 15-17—World Theatre; "The Understanding Heart."

March 15-17—Star Theatre; "The Sap."

March 22—Musicals at Helena May Institute.

To-day—Thirty-ninth Boxing tournament of the H.K. Boxing Assn. Lee Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

March 11—Fanning Hunt Paper-chase at Lok Ma Chau, 11.30 a.m.

March 17—Extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Race Course, Happy Valley.

March 20—R. H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) bogey competition, New Course, Fanling.

March 31—Fanning Hunt Steeple-chase (Easter Meeting).

Lammerts' Auctions.

March 14—At 465, The Peak, Barker Rd., valuable household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

March 15—At Sales Room, Duddell St., a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

March 16—Thirty-ninth general meeting of the H.K. Electric & Co., Ltd., Company's offices, P. & O. Bldg., noon.

March 20—Yearly meeting of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Bldg., noon.

March 20—Annual meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club.

March 21—Thirty-ninth annual meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., noon.

March 25—Fifty-fifth general meeting of Shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, noon.

April 14—General meeting of members of The Prince's Bldg. & Land & Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), 6, Des Voeux-road Ctl., noon.

Miscellaneous.

March 11—Sixth extra race meeting of Macao Race Club.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevesa" Trophy) starting at 4 p.m.

March 17—Annual prize distribution at St. Joseph's College, by Mrs. E. Ralphs.

March 30—Annual dinner of the Institution of Engineers and Ship-builders, 8 p.m.

CELL LOCK PICKED.

PRISONER'S SECOND ESCAPE IN A FORTNIGHT.

Every avenue of escape from Hull was being watched by police in an effort to capture Harry Stewart, aged 20, who for the second time in a fortnight, slipped through their fingers.

A fortnight before, when remanded on a charge of stealing a car, he was placed in a waiting-room behind Hull Police Court. The policeman guarding the door ran to help a fainting woman, and Stewart walked through the court and out into the street.

Six days later he gave himself up. He was remanded the next day at Hull, the magistrate remarking, "You will be detained in custody. At least, I hope so."

When brought before the Bench recently, further theft charges were made against him, and it was stated that warrants were out for him in connection with offences at Leeds, Halifax, and Nottingham. He was remanded and locked in a cell in the basement corridor. Before the van arrived to take him to Hull Prison he had escaped by picking the locks of his cell and of an iron barrier in the corridor, apparently with a small metal spoon.

NOTICE.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

A REVISED LIST of dates on which matches are to be played is posted in the Pavilion. Competitors are requested to consult same as soon as possible. Hong Kong, March 10, 1928.

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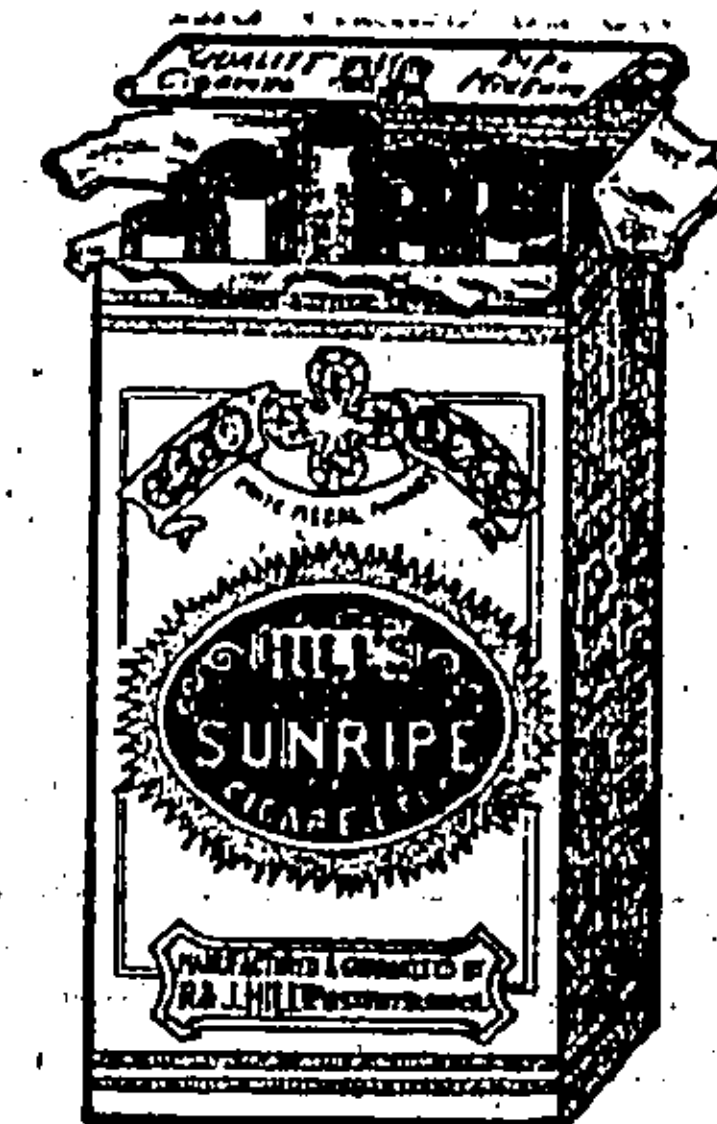
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A meeting of members of the Federation of Street Unions in the French Concession, presided over by one of the advisory members to the French Municipal Council, resolved to request the administration to reduce water rates, and to permit the formation of a merchants protection corps.



Harold A. Cunningham, new Commander of the United States Lines Fleet. He succeeds the retired Captain Herbert Hartley of the Leviathan. At the time of his appointment Commander Cunningham was Captain of the George Washington.

The programme at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow will include an amusing new Felix cartoon, "Felix Braves the Briny."

Captain J. S. M. Ritchie, R.N., has been appointed Naval Attaché at Washington, in place of Captain the Hon. A. Stopford, R.N.

A large barn was destroyed and 2 horses burnt to death in a fire at Flowers Farm, Pangbourne, Berkshire, occupied by Mr. E. R. Hogman.

The London Fire Brigade attended 4,224 fires last year, compared with 4,132 the previous year, fatalities numbering 83, as against 84 in 1926.

Mr. S. G. Stanton, formerly borough engineer and surveyor at South Shields, has been appointed to a similar position at Southampton, at a salary of £1,000 a year.

Foot-and-mouth disease has been discovered at Ystradgynbach, Cardiff, and the usual restrictions have been applied to an area of approximately 15 miles round the infected premises.

Frederick Cornwallis Harrison, aged 41, a chauffeur, of Caversham Rise, Reading, was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment at Berkshire Assizes for shooting at Emily Emmans, a parlour maid.

Mrs. Bethell, of Cheam Park, Surrey, has sent £1,000 to Prince Arthur of Connaught for the Middlesex Hospital's rebuilding and development fund, "as a token of her great esteem and affection for Sir Rowland and Lady Blades."

Miss Gladys Ffolliott, who made her first appearance on the London stage in 1882 in "Night Birds" and scored a big success in 1923 at the Garrick in "Outward Bound," has died in a Kensington nursing home as the result of a fractured thigh.

The churchyard of St. John's Church, Walham Green, S.W., is to be turned into a rock garden, the vicar, the Rev. E. H. Gallop, having stated that it is only used by the people to dispose of unwanted tin cans and dead cats.

Abertillery, Monmouthshire, teachers have received a month's notice to end their engagements in consequence of their refusal to accept a 10 per cent. reduction on the Burnham salary scales, requested by the commissioners who are reorganising the town's finances.

Capt. J. Gordon Dyson, Chief Officer of the Shanghai Fire Brigade, sailed on the s.s. "Yat-shing," on Home leave. He is going first to Saigon, which will be the starting place for a big game hunting expedition, after which he will spend some time in India before going to England. Mr. Dyson is also in the service of the French Fire Brigade.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Souter have left Port Swettenham for Home.

A half-regiment of artillery left Kiangwan for Nanking last Sunday, taking with them six field-pieces.

Rain fell every day in Glasgow in January, the total rainfall being 8in.—a record for the past 25 years.

Mr. H. J. Norris, a planter in the Rembu district, Negri Sembilan, sails for England early next month.

Mr. L. G. Cranna, General Secretary Singapore Y. M. C. A., returned from Hong Kong by the "Hector."

A New York message announces the death of Mr. Rodman Wanamaker, the proprietor of the famous stores bearing his name.

The Russian press has it that Unsicht, a famous German spy, has been appointed to head the Soviet Army, vice Comrade Trotsky.

The President of the Shanghai Provisional Court has issued an order that all official documents hereafter must bear revenue stamps.

James McKay was hanged at Glasgow for the murder of his mother, parts of whose dismembered body were found in the River Clyde.

The Court of Arches, the oldest ecclesiastical court in the country, dismissed an appeal by the Rev. G. A. Studdert-Kennedy, M.C., and his churchwardens against the refusal of the Consistory Court of London to grant a faculty for the building by the City of London Electric Lighting Co., Ltd., of a transformer chamber under the churchyard of St. Nicholas Acons, Lombard-street, E.C.



M. T. Everhart, son-in-law of former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall, on the witness stand before the Senate oil committee investigating the leasing of the Naval oil reserves. Mr. Everhart was recalled to the stand on the second day to give further testimony about the money turned over to Fall by Harry F. Sinclair.

During the month of February, no less than 91 armed robberies were reported to the Shanghai Municipal Police, an average of three per day, which figure, however, is 48 less than in January, and 21 less than during February, 1927. They confiscated six pistols. In the seven days ending February 25, the police arrested 28 armed robbers (14 identified), 16 snatchers (11 identified), and 12 pickpockets (seven identified). Of the 25 armed kidnapers, not one was identified by the Fingerprint Department, which leads the authorities to believe that they are confronted with a new influx of this type of criminal.

Graphic despatches in recent Japanese papers relate a race against time by the s.s. "President Cleveland" in her last trip to San Francisco. An epidemic of small-pox and pneumonia broke out amongst the Filipino steerage passengers, to the ravages of which diseases, no less than 17 persons succumbed before the ship reached Honolulu, the first symptoms showing after the ship left Yokohama. When the ship's doctor reported the matter to the captain, the latter, after consultation with the chief engineer, gave orders for all possible speed, and the "President Cleveland," arrived in Honolulu 24 hours ahead of schedule time, probably breaking the record for steaming between Yokohama and Honolulu.

Colonel Orpen Palmer, successor to Colonel Gordon as Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, arrived in Shanghai on the P. & O. s.s. "Mongolia." He was met by Majors Davis, McMichael, and Zee, of the S. V. C. staff; Mr. Edwards, secretary of the S. M. C.; and Capt. Kennedy, of the S. M. Police.

A Hankow report has it that the military there have shot more than 200 persons whom they caught wearing felt hats within which were inscribed communistic characters, similar to those found in Pootung last week. The report adds that the satin hat shops are doing a "land office" business and that not a felt hat is to be seen in Wuhan.



Senator Frank Willis, of Ohio, who is actively in the fight for the Republican presidential nomination.

Thieves entered the shop of Mr. Harry Raphael, 173, Herne Hill, S.E., and after removing suits, dresses, and material drove away in a motor-car.

Mr. Dion Titheradge, the playwright and actor, and Miss Madge Stuart, well known on the stage and on the films, were married at Prince's-row register office, S.W.

Three new cases of small-pox have occurred in Southwark, 4 at Burnley, Lancashire, 1 at Birmingham, and 1 at Longford, in the Holeshill rural district, Coventry.

Wimbledon Town Council has refused the application of the South London Greyhound Racecourse, Limited, for permission to erect a racecourse on land off Plough-lane, South Wimbledon.

Following further outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in North Lincolnshire, the usual restrictions have been imposed over an area which includes country hunted by the Brocklesby Foxhounds.

The "London Gazette" contains a notification of the conferment of K.C.M.G. upon Col.-Commandant the Hon. Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven, V.C., upon his appointment to be Governor of South Australia.

Mr. W. R. Kew, deputy town clerk of Northampton, has been recommended by the Finance Committee of the town council for the appointment of town clerk in succession to Mr. Herbert Hankinson, who is resigning.

Owing to the increasing number of fatal motor-car accidents in Italy the Minister of Public Works has instituted a national competition for the best "road decalogue," containing 10 main safety rules which pedestrians and drivers must observe.

A motor-car in which was the Hon. Ruth Dawnay, Viscount Downe's daughter, caught fire on the way to Wykeham Abbey, Viscount Downe's residence, near Scarborough, and was destroyed, but Miss Dawnay and the chauffeur escaped uninjured.

Ilford Borough Council, Essex, has unanimously decided to use every possible means at its disposal to prevent the establishment of a greyhound racing track on allotments in Ilford-lane, the holders of which have been offered money to surrender their holdings at the end of the month.

The Bishop of Peterborough (the Right Rev. C. M. Blagden), in a letter to his diocese, states that the cause of reform in the Church is better kept apart from the most thorny question of Disestablishment, and those who care most for reform will do well not to complicate it with an argument that would involve either more bridling than any yet used.

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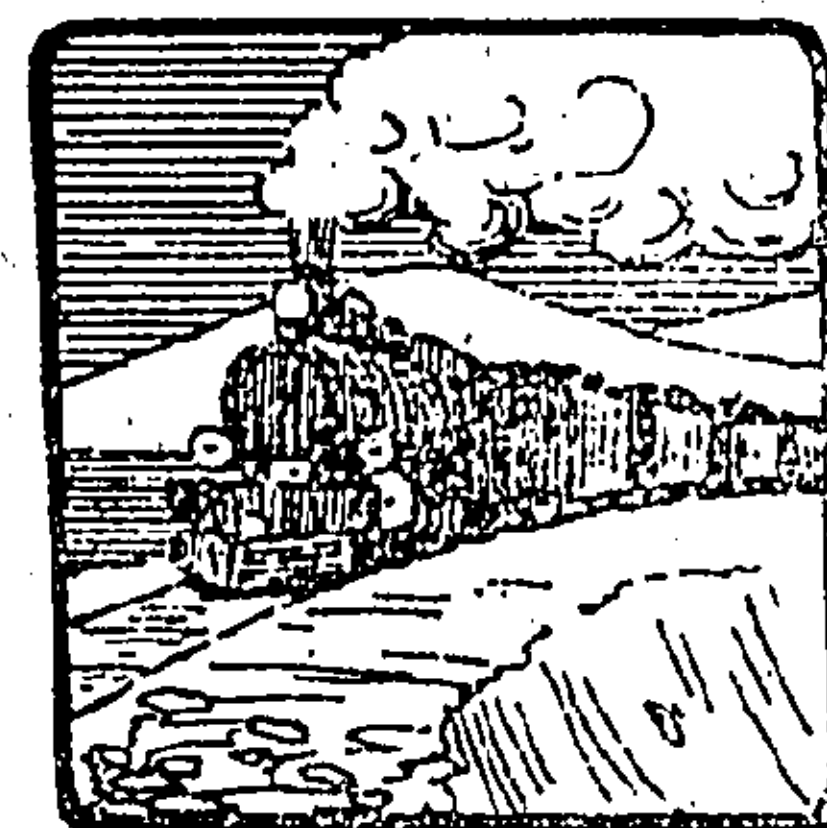
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Marshal Li Chai-sum's official visit to H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong has been briefly described in cables broadcast to all parts of the world. As the chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce stated, a precedent was established by the invitation to Madame Li Chai-sum to reside at Government House as a guest.

Full reports are now eagerly awaited by all those who have any interest in or connection with the Far East. Business men will be highly pleased to read the expert translations in the "Overland China Mail" of Marshal Li's pronouncements on vitally important subjects. Other friends will like the social side of the reports.

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Sport Columns

V.R.C. ACTIVITIES.

LACK OF INTEREST IN BOATING.

COMMITTEES' REPORTS.

The annual reports of sub-committees of the Victoria Recreation Club to be submitted at the annual meeting on March 20 have been circulated.

The Club buildings are in a fair state of repair, it is reported, but the painting and whitewashing recommended had not all been effected. The motor for swimming bath pump had given trouble and should be replaced when the Club's finances permitted. The Library was well patronised during the year, a large number of the latest books being obtained; subscriptions for various magazines and weeklies had been renewed.

Little or no use had been made by ordinary members of the boats at their disposal, this being due partly to lack of interest and partly to the choppy nature of the sea which was often dangerous for four. It was intended to sell two of the older boats and three of the older "tubs" and any money so realised would be devoted to the purchase of new ones.

Australian Swimmers. The entertainment of the Australian swimmers and the cinema show given on the occasion of the fifth night fete is reported on. Six night fetes had been held and the experiment had been tried of holding the championships as far as possible during the night fetes instead of holding an annual aquatic meeting. This, however, had not proved a success.

A winning in the interest in the gymnasium is also reported on. A boxing tournament had produced some excellent contests but had not been supported by the public.

The billiard table due to the efforts of two or three members, one of whom defrayed the cost of the removal, was removed from the gymnasium up into the social hall. This had proved to be a success and was a source of pleasure to the members and revenue to the club.

Obituary.

The Committee regret to report the deaths of three very much respected members and ex members since the last meeting, Capt. D. C. Logan, M.C., Mr. Frank Lammert, and Mr. J. L. de S. Alves.

Swimming Champions.

The V. R. C., captained by Mr. G. R. Razavet, was again successful in winning the Water Polo Shield.

The following were the winners of the various championship events.

100 Yards Free Style, D. Lyon 61 2/5 sec.

220 Yards Free Style, D. Lyon. 2 min. 37 sec.

400 Yards Free Style, D. Lyon. 5 min. 51 3/5 sec.

880 Yards Free Style, C. J. Cooke, 13 min. 7 1/5 sec.

320 Yards Breast Stroke (Mok Cup), Lo Chee-hing, 5 min. 11 2/5 sec.

100 Yards Back Stroke, G. R. Razavet, 1 min. 24 3/5 sec.

100 Yards Breast Stroke, H. M. Remedies, 1 min. 31 sec.

100 Yards Ladies' Race, Miss M. Blunsden, 1 min. 23 4/5 sec.

100 Yards Boys' Race (under 16), A. McCubbin, 1 min. 19 2/5 sec.

Long Plunge, C. J. Cooke, 64 feet 5 inches.

Throwing the Polo Ball, D. Lyon, 67 feet.

The Chinese Harbour Race swum on October 17, 1927, attracted 32 entries and was won by Tan Chin-hin in 34 minutes 18 seconds.

The Ladies' Harbour Race swum on October 18, 1927, attracted 47 entries and was won by Miss Phyllis Hunt in 39 minutes 47 seconds.

The Open Harbour Race for men swum on October 19, 1927, attracted eighteen entries. Fourteen entered the water all of whom finished. The race was won by C. J. Cooke in 23 minutes 17 3/5 seconds.

The Committee take this opportunity of thanking the donors of prizes and all those who assisted in the season's aquatic and especially Mr. E. Cock of the H.K. & W. D. Co. for the use of a launch during the harbour races.

Robert McGinley, the referee at a North-West Ireland Association Cup-tie between Victoria Royal Ulster, Constabulary and Derry Celtic, was removed from the list of referees as the result of a protest that he failed to exercise proper control of the game. Two players were also suspended.

The Greyhound Racing Association having applied to Onchan Village to pass plans for a track on Onchan Head, on the outskirts of Douglas, Isle of Man, the commissioners took a plebiscite of rate-payers. Three hundred and forty-eight voted against allowing greyhound racing in their district and only 85 voted for, while 227 did not vote.

FANLING HUNT.

TO-MORROW'S PAPERCHASE AT LOK MA CHAU.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

For the information of Subscribers to the Fanling Hunt, the Paperchase arranged for to-morrow will take place at Lok Ma Chau cross roads. The Meet is timed for 11.30 a.m. A motor van will leave the Hunters' Arms after the arrival of the train which leaves Kowloon at 9.15 a.m. Mr. Miller has selected a good cross country run, well away from the padi fields and all who participate in the run are assured of an excellent morning's sport.

EASTER MEETING ON MARCH 31.

Five events have been arranged for the Easter Meeting on Saturday, March 31, as under:—

Maiden Plate.—About 1 1/4 miles. 1st prize \$50. 2nd prize \$20. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started this season at Kwai Tung 5 lbs. allowance. Entrance fee \$5.

Lightweight Foxhunter's Cup.—1 1/2 miles. For a cup presented by W. L. Stanton Esq. 2nd prize \$20. For China ponies that have been regularly and fairly hunted with the Fanling Hounds, or which have started in a paperchase or point to point this season. Winners of two or more races 5 lbs. penalty. Ponies that have never won a steeplechase 5 lbs. allowance. Weight 155 lbs. Entrance Fee \$5.

Fanling Grand National Handicap.—About 2 1/4 miles. For a Challenge Cup to be held by the Winner for 1 year. Winner to receive a replica of the Challenge Cup. 2nd prize \$40. 3rd Prize \$20. Top weight 168 lbs. bottom weight \$140. Entrance Fee \$5.

James Pigg Cup.—1 1/2 miles. For a cup presented by Mr. James Pigg. 2nd prize \$20. For ponies that have been regularly and fairly hunted with the Fanling Hounds. Winner of 1 race 7 lbs. of two or more races 10 lbs. penalty. Weight 168 lbs. Entrance Fee \$5.

Consolation Race.—7 Furlongs. 1st prize \$50. 2nd prize \$20. For China ponies that have started at this Meeting or at Kwai Tung this Season. Winners at this Meeting barred. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have won a steeplechase this Season 10 lbs. penalty. Forced Entry \$5.

BURNS WINS.

AUSTRALIAN SCULLING TITLE.

CHALLENGER COLLAPSES.

The race for the Australian championship, the "Referee" Cup, and a stake of £200, was rowed over the Broadwater course on the Richmond River.

Burns weighed 10st. 13lb. and the challenger, Robert McLaren, of Port Macquarie, 10st. 4lb.

The tide was just on the turn for the run out when the scullers reached the mark. Burns won the toss and selected the northern side of the river.

The start was by mutual consent, and both got away perfectly. Burns doing 34 strokes to the minutes for the first 500 yards and McLaren 38. The first mile was covered in 5min. 5sec. Burns having a lead of six lengths.

Pace a Cracker.

Burns passed the two-mile mark in 11min. 5sec. At that stage McLaren was 20 lengths behind, and soon afterwards gave up the race. He had exhibited signs of distress at the mile and a half, the pace being too much of a cracker.

McLaren was picked up by the official boat, while Burns continued on his way, rowing perfectly, finishing the course of three miles 170 yards in 17 min. 16sec. The time for the two miles was faster than that put up by Arnet and Pearce on the Paramatta River. Burn's time showed that his sculling would compare very favourably with that of any previous holder of the title.

Although large numbers of fish were swept over the banks or wandered from the rivers during the recent big floods, no serious loss appears to have been reported. The fish appear to have had a remarkable escape, considering the distance covered by the floods. When the waters in the meadows began to subside, however, they evidently sensed danger and their natural instinct guided them back to the rivers.

DOG RACE FINANCE.

"THE FIRST SMASH" ARRIVES.

LIQUIDATOR'S COMMENTS.

"This is, I think, the first of the greyhound racing companies that has smashed," said Mr. W. H. Cork, accountant and auditor, of Eastcheap, when presiding at the statutory meeting of the creditors of the Southern Canine Racing Stadium (Founders Syndicate) Limited. Mr. Cork added that the assets would probably be sufficient to pay the creditors in full, but the shareholders would be in a different position.

Dealing with the history of the company, Mr. Cork said it was registered last August, and in September the capital was increased to £50,000. The fees due to the Companies Registration Department on the increased capital, amounting to £400, had not yet been paid. It was an extraordinary position. Apparently rather more than £12,000 was subscribed for shares in the company, and something like £9,691 of that amount had gone to the promoters and in preliminary expenses. The latter totalled £3,514. The only assets which the company now possessed in its own rights were four dogs and some furniture. The dogs were called Clinking Duchess, Doty Dear, Lady Thelma, and Bran, and they were probably worth £10 to £15 each.

A mechanical director was appointed by the company, and he and the other directors appeared to have received fees. So far as the mechanical director was concerned, he was paid at the rate of £650 per annum to work a hare which the company did not possess. The directors of the company were Mr. R. O. Graham, Mr. John Lacey, Mr. E. A. Coleman, Lieut-Colonel F. S. H. Baldrey, and Lord Sholto Douglas. The last two had apparently never taken up their qualification shares, neither had they received any remuneration for their services to the company. There were matters which required careful investigation. Those identified with the company might have made themselves liable for penalties owing to the absence of books, and some of the directors might also be called upon to refund some of the money they had received. Mr. Cork next referred to the prospectus issued by the company, and remarked that anyone reading it should subscribe one penny.

One of the directors of the company pointed out that the exact position was disclosed in the prospectus.

Mr. Cork said that was quite true, but he could not understand how any person of ordinary intelligence could read the prospectus and subscribe for shares. The entire thing was in the air, and the company possessed very little at the start. If members of the public had studied the prospectus they would not have parted with money. If the company had received the whole of the capital it would have gone ahead. The company was to have operated at Southampton, Gloucester, and Swansea, and arrangements for the acquiring of tracks at these places were entered into.

A director of the company stated that the company also looked for sites at other places, and two visits

Y.M.C.A. OFFICERS.

IMPORTANT MEETING TO BE HELD THIS YEAR.

JUNE GATHERING.

Elaborate plans are being made for the fifth conference of employed officers of the Y.M.C.A. of China which will be held from June 13 to 20.

The last, or fourth, Employed Officers' Conference was held in 1923. Like the previous conferences, the coming conference will be attended by secretaries and delegates representing the "Y" in all parts of the country.

The main theme of the conference, according to Dr. Kenneth H. Fu, secretary of the General Administration of the National Committee, will be the Y.M.C.A. as a character education agency. Subordinate to this theme, topics to be discussed will be:—the "Y" as a character building force, the "Y" as an educational agency, and the "Y" as a fellowship.

"We attach great importance to these Employed Officers' Conferences," Dr. Fu said. "They are always an occasion for those engaged in the Y.M.C.A. work throughout China to get together to review the work that they have done during the past years and it is always a fine opportunity for them to look together into the future of the association, an opportunity for a revaluation of its methods, a redefining of its policies, and a re-determination of its programme so that its various kinds of work in the different parts of the country can be carried out with a broader vision and greater efficiency. The spirit of these Employed Officers' Conferences is entirely in keeping with the genius of the Y.M.C.A. which is always looking forward, always seeking to improve, and always pushing ahead with an ever-increasing measure of energy and enthusiasm toward better and greater things."

"Happy experiences of the previous conferences make us to anticipate with confidence satisfactory and gratifying results from the fifth conference. We shall be especially favoured this year by the presence of Dr. Fletcher S. Brockman, for many years general secretary of the National Y.M.C.A. of China, who is expected to arrive in Shanghai from the United States with Dr. David Z. T. Yui early in June."

"We have not as yet quite decided upon the meeting place of the conference. It will be either in Shanghai or at Pootoo."

The Shanghai Chinese authorities have approached the members of the Consular Body with a view to securing their co-operation in the collection of municipal rates from foreigners living in the Shanghai and Woosung Districts. Six per cent. will be collected on private residences and ten per cent. on shops. The money will be used for the construction and repair of roads and bridges; public health work, education, police services, and philanthropy.

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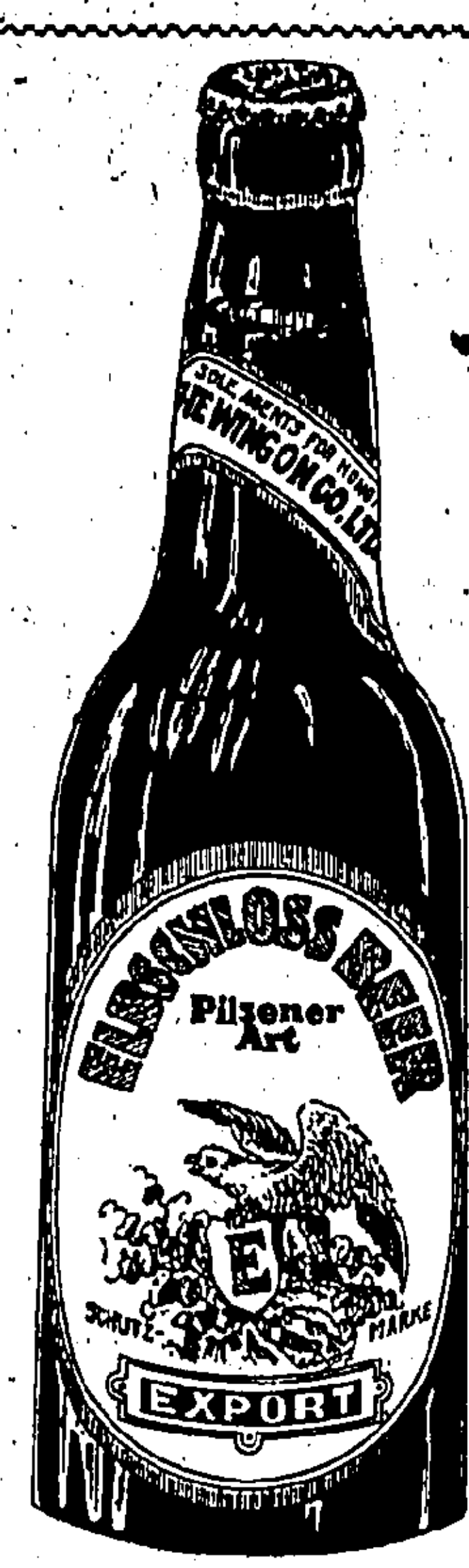
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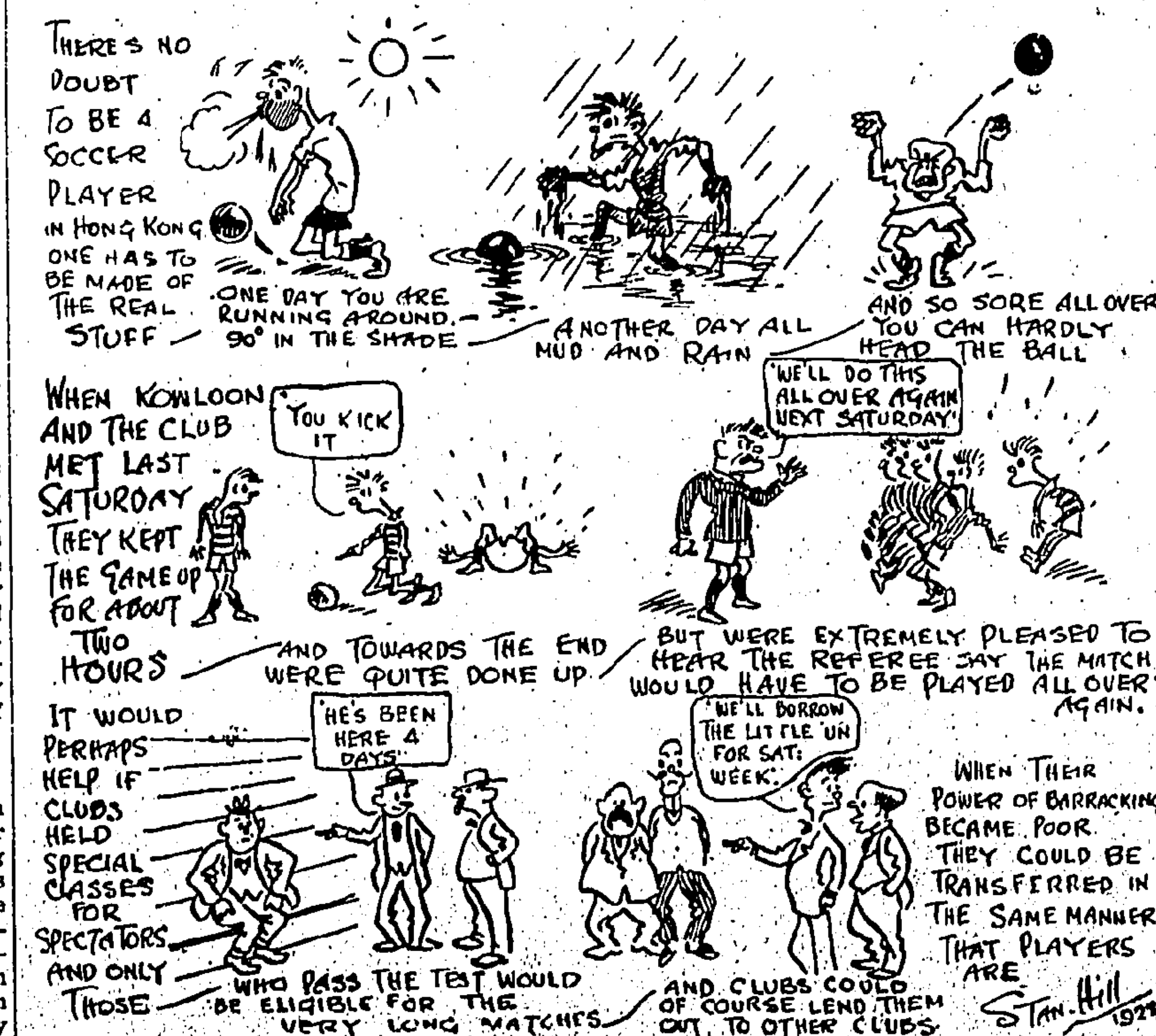
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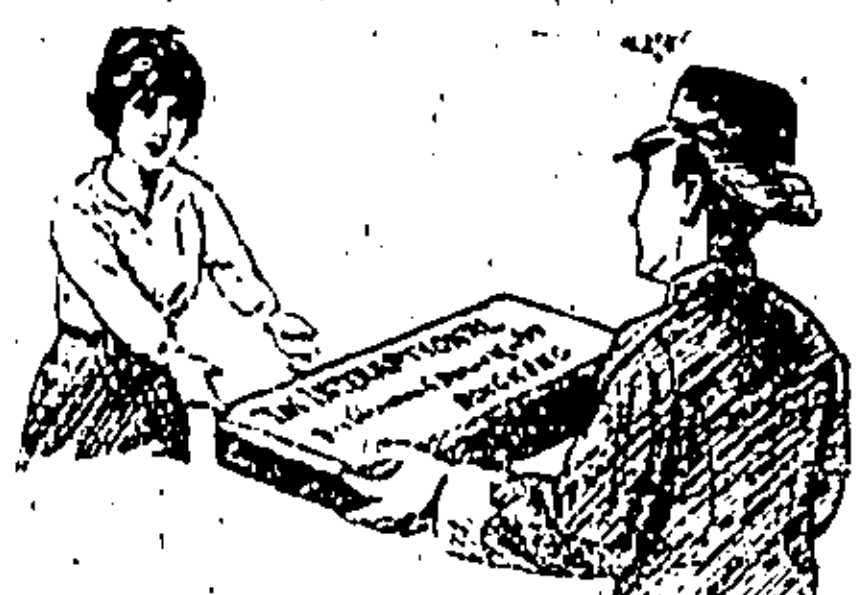
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MOTORING SECTION

TWO LITRE CARS.

A SUCCESSFUL BRITISH MODEL.

Those who delight in giving names to the progressive periods of motor design will probably label 1927 as the two-litre year. It is not so much because this particular size engine has yet become a really popular type—for the 1½ litre must still be counted as, numerically, at all events, the most popular—but the examples of it on the market are generally so successful that most people regard them as the car of the immediate future. If 1928 is the real two-litre year, the credit of it will be due to 1927. The fashion for the moment is for a six-cylinder two-litre but it is just because there is a select number of four-cylinder two-litre machines which are thoroughly successful and desirable that I am inclined to believe that the 2,000 c.c. engine is on the point of heading the poll. It is not a question of numbers of cylinders, but of dimensions; not of fad, but of sense. For it is a truism that the larger engine you can afford to use, the most genuinely economical your motoring should prove within reasonable limits.

I choose, as examples of the latest two-litre classes, the new 6-cylinder Mercedes and the new 4-cylinder British Hillman. The Mercedes engine has a bore and stroke of 65 by 100, a ratio which is almost universal in this type of engine. It is in every practical feature of absolutely orthodox design. The valves are lateral, the head is detachable and, beyond the expected neatness and cleanliness of finish, there is nothing to which attention need be called, except possibly, the ignition. This is by battery and distributor, a system which is rapidly growing in favour on the Continent.

In the transmission a departure from common Mercedes practice will be found in the three-speed gear box. The ratios of the gears are low, 6 to 1 on top, and this, as might be expected, makes the car particularly easy to drive in traffic and on ordinary main roads with very little gear-changing. It is not an arrangement I care for myself, but for those still numerous people who are too indolent or, if you prefer it, too practical to wish to drive a car as it should be driven, it is, of course, perfectly suitable.

Everything about this chassis is remarkably robust, as is generally the case in first-class Continental makes. The wheel base is 9 ft. 4 ins., which implies an overall length of 13 ft. 6 ins., and the weight of the chassis is in the neighbourhood of 15 cwt. A rather special design of four-wheel brakes is fitted, of what is known as the self-energising type, while the usual hand-controlled pair operate on the rear drums. The suspension is by semi-elliptics all round, the rear springs being particularly flat. The feature which is undoubtedly the most interesting throughout the car is the centralised chassis lubrication, which differs from any other system of which I have had any experience in being truly automatic. That is to say that the oil is pumped from the gear box to a general distributor and thence to every lubrication point.

On the road the Mercedes is certainly comfortable and pleasant to drive. The engine is, I suppose, almost as noiseless as it is possible for one of its design to be. Up to something like 35 miles an hour you are convinced that there is no noise being made under the bonnet at all. This, of course, is impossible, but it means that any noise there may be is easily drowned by the noise of the tyres and of the wind pressing on the wind-screen. The engine,

whose crankshaft is carried on seven bearings, has no vibration-period at any speed up to about 53 miles an hour, the maximum I reached on the trial. The car I drove was brand new and this complete absence of period impressed me a good deal. One excellent obvious advantage this quality has is that the extremely low top speed gear ratio does not intrude itself upon your notice.

The Mercedes picks up remarkably well, and considering that it was fitted with a four-seated fabric saloon, gathered way in a very satisfactory manner. It is a decidedly lively car, and although I should not be inclined to call it a really fast one, it is certainly a car in which excellent average speeds can be maintained over the roads of this country. I was not favourably impressed with the gear change, which, owing to the action of the clutch, was not particularly easy to handle noiselessly. This was certainly an unexpected discovery in a Mercedes. The gears themselves, however, run with pleasant absence of noise, and to master the trick of noiseless changing is after all, only a matter of practice. The speed indicator dial shows the driver at what speeds the different gears should be changed. The steering is light, and on the whole, steady, but I noticed a slight tendency towards snatch over portholes.

The four-wheel brake set is certainly one of the very best I have ever used, an absolute minimum of pressure on the pedal being necessary to bring the car instantly within complete control.

The springing is very good, and has not got that stiffness which is generally found in the suspension of Continental-built cars. I find really very little indeed to criticise in this car, beyond, as I have pointed out, the trickiness of gear change. I do not care for the automatic advance and retard of the ignition, but I am well aware that large numbers of drivers prefer it to the more scientific and efficient hand-controlled arrangement. The car, with the four-seated fabric saloon, costs £710, at which price you get a first-class car, which, if not an outstandingly brilliant performer, is obviously a thoroughly sound machine, with many years of hard work at the disposal of its owner. The body-work is unusually low, but there is, nevertheless, plenty of head-room for the seated passenger. The general appearance of the car is excellent.

The Two-Litre Hillman.

The two-litre Hillman is a car of a comparatively new type, which has had an instantaneous success. It was introduced to the public early in 1926, if my recollection is correct, and it has received a really flattering amount of praise by everyone who is knowledgeable in such matters. The main thing which has attracted the greatest attention is the remarkably simple and commonsense design of the entire chassis. I have had extended opportunities of studying this car, both in the 1926 and 1927 series, and there is no doubt in my mind that the designers have succeeded in achieving a degree of simplicity and convenience of maintenance which it is very rare to find in cars costing as little as this.

The bore and stroke of the four-cylinder engine, are 72 by 120, which implies a £13 annual tax. Side by side valves are used, and fan-assisted thermo-siphon cooling. Lubrication is by pressure and an excellent feature is that no internal pipes are used, the oil being driven to its work through ducts cast in the engine casing. The risks of a choked lead are therefore practically negligible. The oil pump is situated in a position convenient for dismantling and inspection, and a sensible form of non-return ball valve is situated at the lower edge of the sump. This, to which is attached a very large filter, must be withdrawn to allow the oil to be let out of the base chamber—the

only criticism I have to make on the design of the engine. Mechanically speaking, it is perfectly sound, but a tap is what is wanted for convenience.

The dynamo and magneto are mounted on a platform on the off-side of the engine, driven in tandem by chain from the half-time gear. This platform is hinged so that by swinging it inwards or outwards, the slack in the driving chain may be conveniently taken up. An excellent idea. Something in the nature of a "hot spot" is available in that the carburettor is placed up against the exhaust manifold, which overhangs the inlet. The exhaust pipe is led down forward, immediately behind the radiator. The whole engine is plain but workmanlike and of a type decidedly attractive to the owner driver. A large locker in the dashboard under the bonnet carries the tools and affords room enough for a spare tin of oil. This is quite the best place for a tool outfit I have seen.

A particularly light plate clutch carries the power from the engine to a four-speed gear box, whose ratios are: top, 4.7 to 1; 3rd 7.5 to 1; second, 12 to 1; and bottom, 17 to 1. The gear lever is on the right-hand side of the driver, in a particularly accessible position. An open propeller shaft with flexible joints at either end carries the drive to the helical gear box axle. Suspension is by generous semi-elliptics to both axles, supplemented by shock absorbers. The petrol tank, which holds 12 gallons, is carried at the rear of the chassis and is fitted with an absolutely correct gauge. Fuel supply to the carburettor is maintained by an autovac.

A powerful set of four-wheel brakes is operated by the pedal, and the usual extra pair in the drums controlled by side lever. The Hillman brakes are particularly good, especially in regard to the means of adjustment. Each brake is adjustable independently by means of a really accessible star comfortably turned by hand, while in addition another star situated by the gear box, takes up the slack simultaneously in the four-wheel set. Cables are used throughout and the compensation I found to be faultless. The side brake, the lever of which is in a particularly happy position, has an additional means of taking up wear through a star placed on the top of the lever, which may be screwed up while the car is in motion.

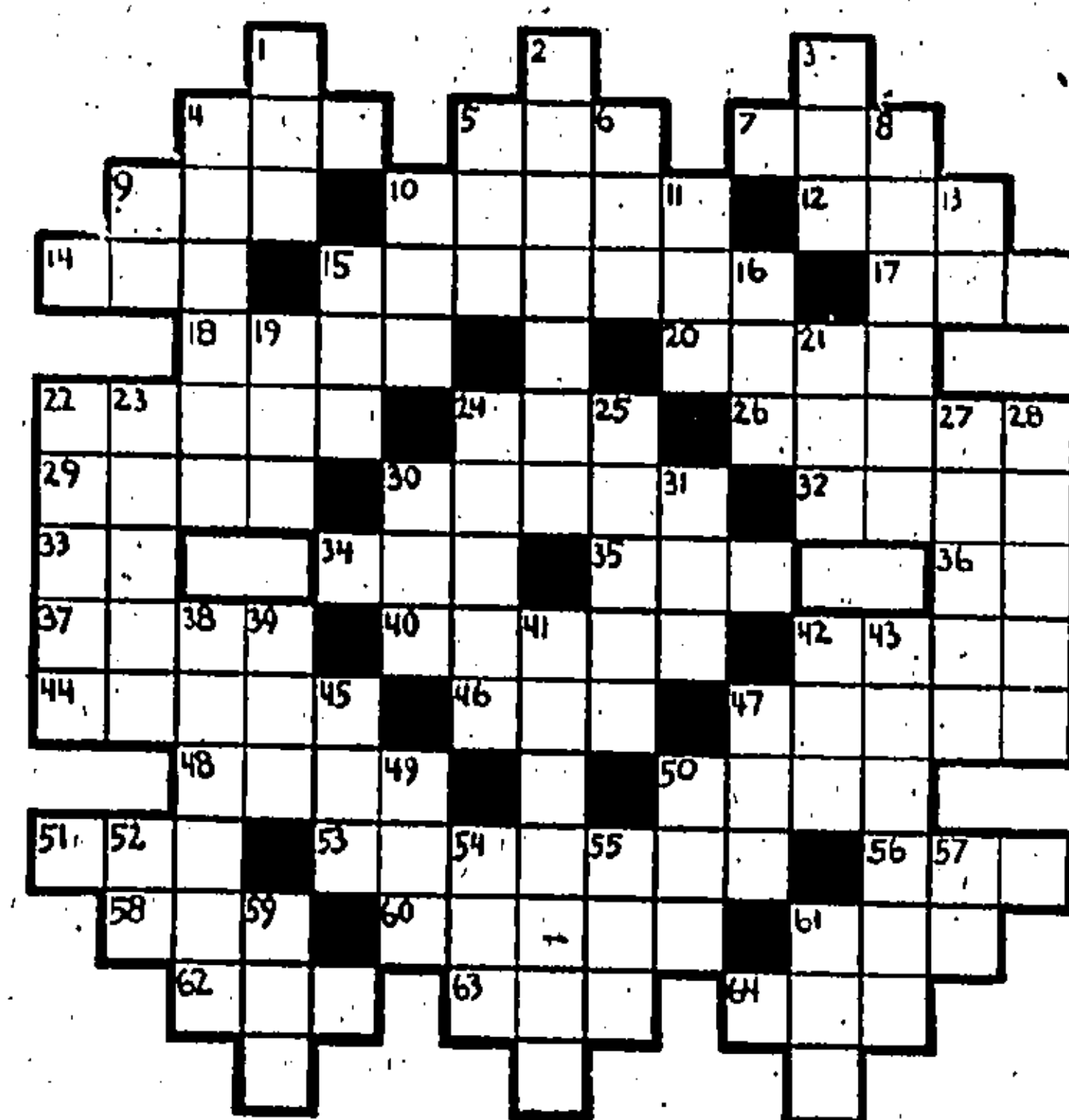
The Hillman has delightful manners on the road. I should not call it a particularly fast car, 55 miles an hour being the absolute maximum I have been able to reach with the open models, but the pick up and acceleration and the hill-climbing possibilities are so good that it is possible to keep up really high average speeds hour after hour, without any sense of effort. Its easy cruising speed is as high as 45 miles an hour. The gear box is one of the best I know, and changing speed as it should be, is a pleasure. The gears themselves make very little noise, passengers situated in the back of the five-seater being only just able to distinguish the difference between top and third, at moderate speeds.

The steering in the 1927 model has been considerably improved, and is now as good as modern steering can be made. The car may be driven at its highest speeds in perfect safety with three fingers of one hand on the rim of the wheel, and it is nearly as light on bends at slow speeds as on the straight. This has been achieved, of course, by giving it a very low gear, but in practice this seems to have no disadvantages at all. The springing for 1927 is also better than that in the first series.

The bodywork, which is made by the Hillman Company, is unusually good, especially in the matter of upholstery and finish. The saloon, which costs £345, is a really wonderful example of high-class work at a low price. Perhaps the most successful type, however, is the two-seater at

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and allo.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 4-A child's plaything
- 5-Payment for service rendered
- 7-Parasol pronoun
- 9-Cooking utensil
- 10-A familiar friend
- 12-A snare or a trap
- 14-Pale
- 15-More illustrious
- 17-A long period of time
- 19-Famous English poet
- 20-Change the direction of
- 22-Same degree with another
- 24-Pronoun
- 25-One engaged in mining
- 28-Composition for two performers
- 30-To harass
- 32-To lay with stones
- 33-That is (abbr.)
- 34-An expanse of salt water
- 35-Direct
- 36-Bachelor of Arts (abbr.)
- 37-A small chamber
- 40-Brief cessation of hostilities
- 42-To tire

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 44-A peculiar feature
- 45-A high explosive (abbr.)
- 47-Quadruped with a hump
- 48-Deprived of hearing
- 50-Incapable of speech
- 51-Wet earth
- 53-Great scientist of France
- 55-Loss
- 58-To unite with needle and thread
- 60-Move along smoothly
- 61-Tense
- 62-Fragment of cloth
- 63-Opposed to no
- 64-Young goat

VERTICAL

- 1-To make a memorandum
- 2-A flower (pl.)
- 3-Of great bulk
- 4-Clapper of a bell
- 5-Brother, a fella's title (It.)
- 6-Finish
- 8-Orange-yellow
- 9-Keystone State (abbr.)
- 10-Shed tears
- 11-However

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13-Word of denial
- 15-Liquid measure (abbr.)
- 16-Distilled from juice of sugar cane
- 19-Rodent
- 21-Tear
- 22-Proclamation
- 23-Strange
- 24-Vital organ
- 25-To perform again
- 27-Elude
- 28-Rise against authority
- 30-Wager
- 31-Knot
- 35-Used for climbing
- 39-Falseness
- 41-Harmonies
- 42-Glance by crowding
- 43-Moved with a peculiar pace
- 46-Light blow
- 47-A mongrel dog
- 49-Grow weary
- 50-Preper
- 52-Uncle Sam (abbr.)
- 54-Crafty
- 55-Heads of newspapers (abbr.)
- 57-Cutting tool
- 59-Route
- 61-Rival

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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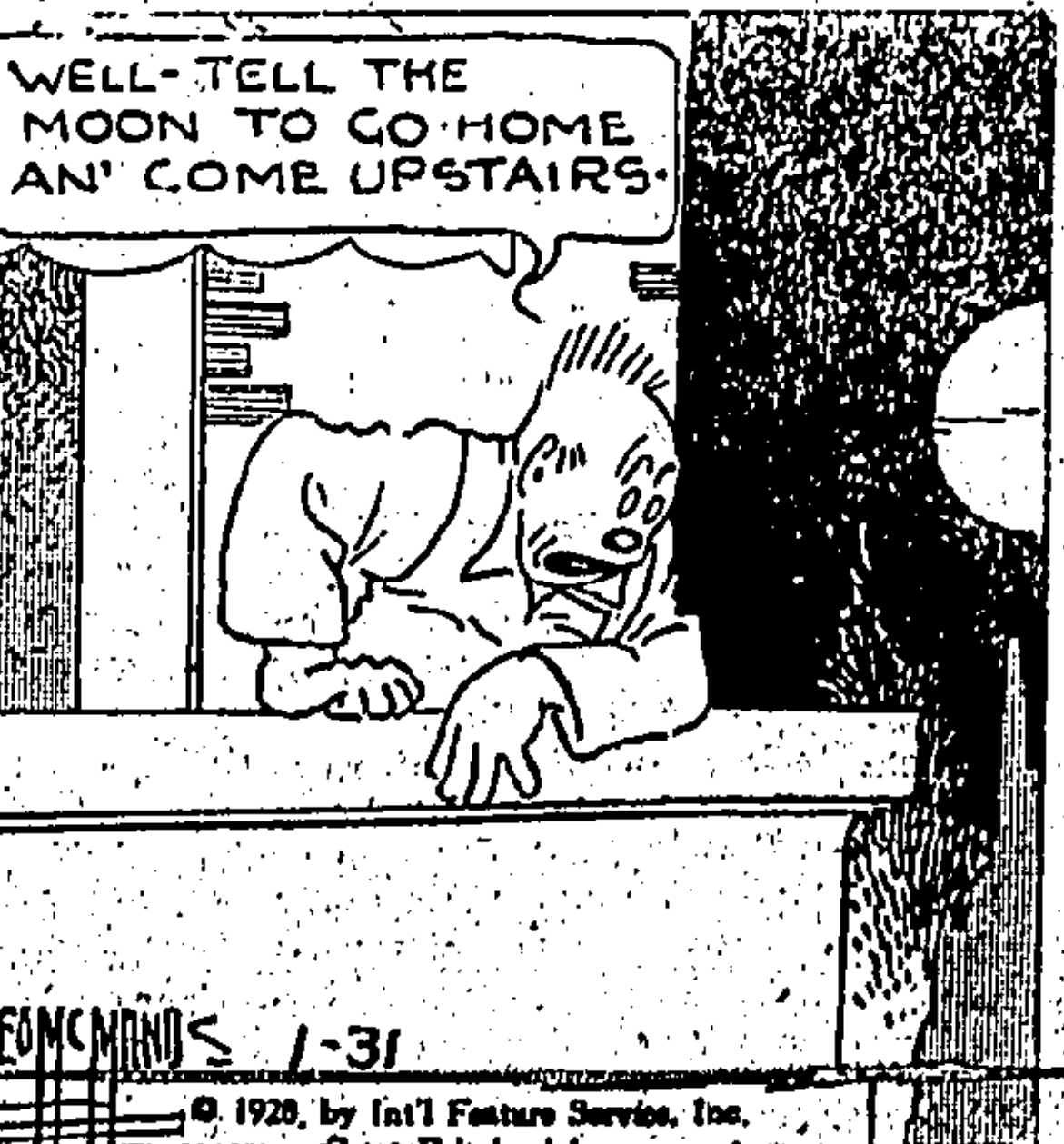
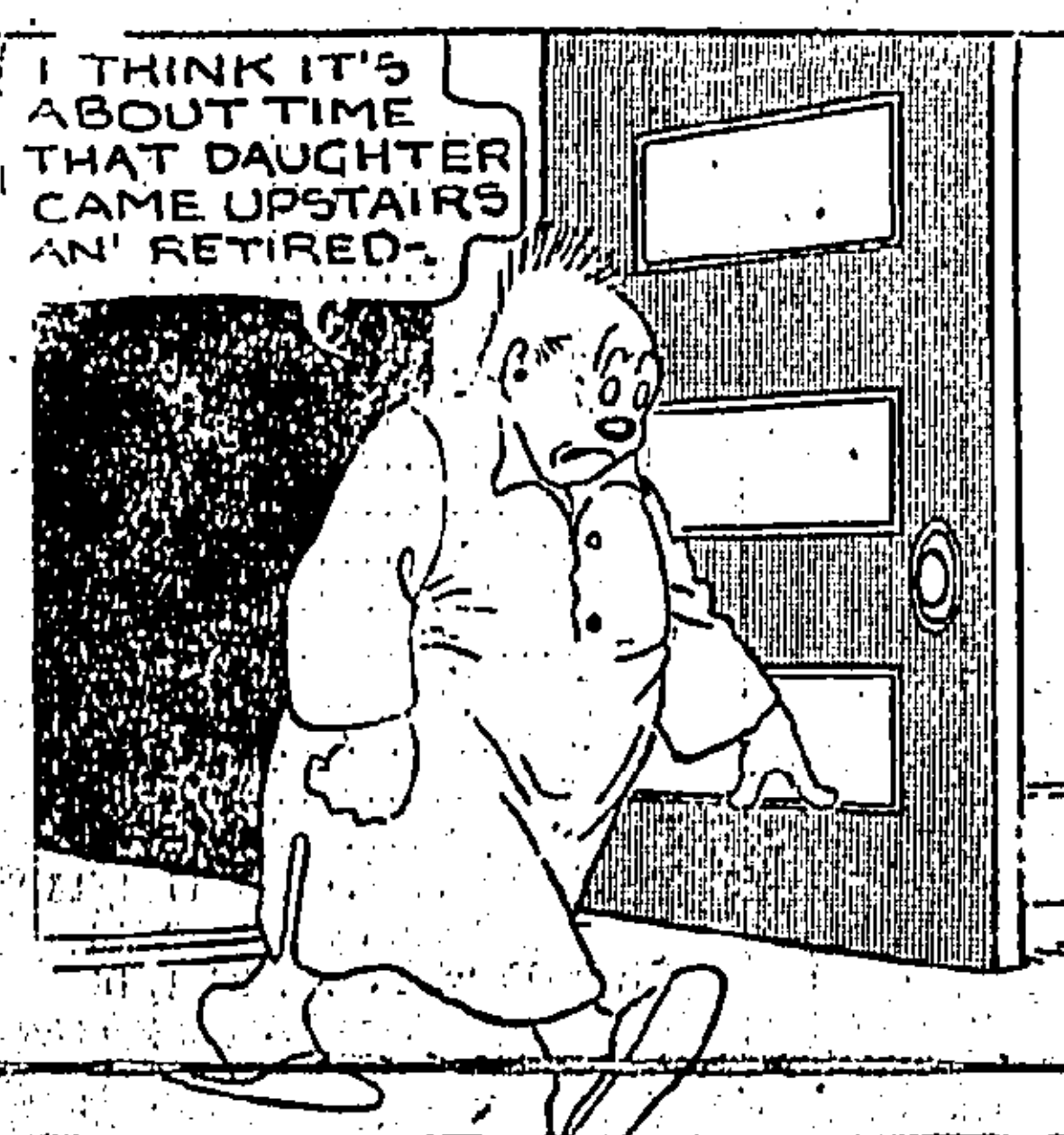
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"ILLEGAL TRAFFIC UNDER CLOAK OF HYPOCRISY."

A DOUBLE LIFE.

London, Feb. 20. The Rev. Francis Bacon was sentenced at the Old Bailey, today, to 15 months imprisonment both in the second division.

Bolton ultimately pleaded guilty, but Bacon persisted that he was not guilty. It was stated in court that Bacon, who is a married man with a family, was born in Canada in 1857 and came to Great Britain as a child. He returned to Canada at the age of 21, and acted as a volunteer missionary and lecturer till 1909 when he obtained the degree of LL.D. (Canada), and D.D. (United States), and was appointed a curate in London in 1920, at a nominal salary of £5 per annum. He undoubtedly did good work in regard to the emigration of slum boys, and his appointment to a living last year, with a stipend of £389, was partly to enable him to continue his work.

The Recorder said that Bacon had been leading a double life for a decade, preying on the agony of poor expectant mothers and concealing an illicit traffic under the cloak of hypocrisy.

Earlier Proceedings.

[Earlier messages stated:—London December 6.—A sensational revelation was made in the South-Western Police Court by Sir Travers Humphreys, who prosecuted in a case in which Anne Bolton was charged, on remand, with supplying certain noxious drugs. He said that Howard Barron, otherwise the Rev. Francis Bacon, Vicar of All Saints, Spitalfields, had participated in running the Powell Manufacturing Company, which carried on contraceptive business and a factory registered under the name of Dr. Hannah Browne, of which Bolton was the manager. A detective gave evidence that Barron, when questioned, said that the drugs which were sent out were of an ordinary medicinal nature. The Magistrate ordered another remand. A barrister watched the case on behalf of the Bishop of London. London, Feb. 14.—The Rev. Francis Bacon and Anne Bolton pleaded not guilty at the Old Bailey to a charge of conspiring to induce women to administer to themselves noxious drugs. Sir Travers Humphreys, who prosecuted, said that female remedies costing a few shillings were sold for two or three guineas, and the banking accounts showed that the defendants had drawn substantial amounts from the business.]

HOME OR CAREER?

GIRLS' EDUCATION PROBLEM.

Should boys and girls be taught different subjects, and on different lines? This educational controversy has again arisen in connection with the establishment of a new public school for girls, Weston Birt, in Gloucestershire.

Not only have the governors appointed as headmistress a woman with no previous scholastic experience, Mrs. Houson-Crauford, the wife of Brigadier-General J. A. Houson-Crauford, of Ayrshire, but they have announced that they have in view a course of education that will "to some extent break away from the conventional lines of high school training," which they declare is "too closely modelled on the curriculum of boys and too academic in outlook."

Training for the Home. "I agree absolutely," Miss C. J. H. Cowdroy, Principal of Crouch End High School, told a "Daily News" representative. "A boy grows up into a man, and goes out into the world, while most of the girls get married and become mothers."

"The great difficulty with a girl, however, is to train her so that she can keep herself if necessary, and at the same time may be able to look after her home if she gets married."

"Most of the girls that pass through this school marry. On the other side we have some girls who work and remain unmarried. I am really sorry for them. I don't think that as a rule they are happier when they are older."

"I quite agree, too, with the choice of a headmistress without any scholastic experience. A headmistress should be a capable organizer, and able to lead girls, and then school governors often only give them a woman who has done well at her examinations."

The Founder's View. The Rev. P. E. Warrington, Vicar of Monckton Combe, Somerset, the founder both of Weston Birt and Stowe Schools, said: "I feel that we want to make rather a new departure in the education of girls. We want to revise it and make it more complete and to realise that all girls

GOES FOR EVER.

A SWISS ENGINEER'S INVENTION.

PERPETUAL CLOCK.

A perpetual motion clock invented by a young engineer, Jean Louis Reutter, of Neuchatel, the son of the municipal treasurer of that town, appears to have fulfilled the wildest hopes and dreams of past scientists.

Reutter, who has been patiently pursuing his experiments for over ten years, started by postulating the feasibility of harnessing to clockwork the energy produced by perpetual motion ever to hand in the varying differences of the atmospheric pressure, and the temperature. His instrument is really a clock propelled by a metal barometer.

There is, in fact, a certain kind of barometer already in existence which is a metal box, the surface of which has a system of concentric undulations in relief. The air rubbing against this irregular surface exercises pressure, which, connected up with a needle, indicates on the dial-face the value of the varying pressure. The barometric variations thus produce a continuous working movement, by which it is theoretically possible to make a clock work. Under analogous conditions the daily variations of temperature should provide a similar source of energy. But the energy produced is very minute, and insufficient to propel ordinary clockwork.

Reutter's idea of applying this energy to clockwork admittedly is not new. Others have tried to invent a clock which need not be wound up and is driven by energy derived from atmospheric pressure. The attempts, however, have been made to apply the principle to ordinary clocks. Reutter perceived that he must reduce the amount of energy required by clocks if he was to succeed in inventing one that would go perpetually.

Successful Trials. The two new clocks, which have now been running without stopping and without rewinding for some months, require only one-thousandth part of the amount of energy ordinarily necessary to drive a clock. The smallest daily variations of temperature and atmospheric pressure are sufficient to keep these clocks in motion till fresh energy is supplied by the next variations. A certain amount of surplus energy is stored in a spring so that freakish non-variability of temperature is provided for. The new invention may truly be described as perpetual motion, for the only factor which would make the clock cease going would be an accident or the wearing out of the parts.

Reutter claims that the friction in the clockwork is so slight that the life of his new clock should be at least ten thousand years. There is every reason to believe that, apart from the great scientific value of this invention, it will be a commercial proposition, for these perpetual clocks can be made in any form and size. It is believed in clockmaking circles in Geneva that the present invention heralds a complete revolution in the clock-making industry, and may lead to very important developments in other branches of science.

are not intended to enter for a profession. Mrs. Houson-Crauford was selected out of 100 applicants because she was well qualified to create the spirit of service and initiative.

A prominent member of the Headmistresses' Association: The Headmistresses' Association is doing everything possible to make the examination standard for girls less cramping and academic. It is rather too bad for headmistresses to be attacked, in view of this, for their teaching as being modelled too closely on the curriculum of boys and too academic in outlook.

Business Girls' Task. An official of the National Union of Equal Citizenship Societies:

We are not in favour of encouraging different standards of education for girls and for boys. After all, girls have to go out into the world and earn their own livelihoods the same as boys now. And they run a great risk of being handicapped if they find that they cannot enter for the same subjects as boys in the conventional examinations.

Miss Froud, secretary of the National Union of Women Teachers: We are amazed to hear that such an appointment should be made. We think that a designation of headmistress to such an appointment is a misnomer. Since she seems to be concerned more with the social than the educational side of the school, it would appear better if she were called "Warden" and not headmistress.

A feature of Weston Birt will be an inclusive fee of £200 a year. There will be no extras of any kind. Six scholarships ranging from £40 to £100 will be offered, and six exhibitions of £40 each.

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LOUD SPEAKER IN 1671.

Some of the secrets of the Patent Office were given up when Mr. A. A. Gomme, Librarian of the Patent Office, lectured before the Institute of Patentees at the Caxton Hall, London, on the material contained in the Library.

The pneumatic tyre, he showed, was invented as early as 1845, but proved unwanted until the arrival of the fast-moving bicycle; the fountain pen was patented in 1809, but found little acceptance, and roller skates were invented in 1823, but the bad state of the roads prevented their being appreciated. After referring to these and similar inventions, Mr. Gomme said: "A keen observer of present-day tendencies in social and industrial affairs might obtain from these old records many ideas, which, reintroduced under more suitable conditions and with all the improvements in construction and detail made possible by the greater resources we have at our disposal to-day, could be put into successful practice with less trouble and at an earlier date than if they had to be thought out ab initio."

Gold From Wheat. The records of the Patent Office, he said, included many curiosities, dozens of perpetual motion machines, portable guns which could be made to fire square bullets at Turks but round ones at Christians, a cure for consumption based on a mixture of brandy and garlic, and a means of preparing tea and coffee from mangel wurzels and of extracting gold from wheat. There was also a comparatively recent patent for the manufacture of edible gramophone records from chocolates and other sweet-stuffs.

To define what could be patented was difficult, but, briefly, any article might be patented that was novel, useful, not illegal, and that was a saleable commodity. Thus it was not possible to patent a system of book-keeping or a process for disguising cabbage as tobacco.

Popular Fallacies. Many valuable discoveries had never been patented, and Mr. Gomme gave as examples the wheel, the screw, the mariner's compass, printing, paper, gunpowder, and spectacles. A knowledge of the literature in the Patent Office library, he said, would enable the reader to detect the fallacy of such popular notions as that James Watt invented the steam engine, or George Stephenson the locomotive, or Fulton the steamboat, Galileo the telescope, Faraday the electro-magnet, or Marconi wireless telegraphy.

Careful research would reveal such facts as that the roll-top desk was described in 1772 and safety razors in 1762, while the taximeter went back to the beginning of our era. There was, he said, a loud speaker in 1671 and a diving bell in 1664 and a periscope in 1702.

REBUFF TO MOSCOW.

U.S. REFUSES DEALS IN SOVIET BONDS.

Washington.—Mr. Kellogg, Secretary of State, announced that the American Government did not view with favour the marketing in the United States by mail of Russian railway bonds bearing interest at 9 per cent.

Mr. Kellogg said: "The State Department objects to financial arrangements involving the donation of a loan in the United States, or the employment of credit for the purpose of making an advance to the Soviet regime."

In accordance with this policy the Government does not view with favour financial arrangements designed to facilitate in any way the sale of Soviet bonds in the United States. The Department is confident that banks and financial institutions will co-operate in carrying out this policy.

Among the large United States corporations that were formerly holders of old Russian bonds, since repudiated, which had filed protests with the State Department was the New York Life Insurance Co. They informed the State Department that at the time of the Soviet revolution they owned Russian railway bonds representing an investment exceeding \$4,000,000. These had been repudiated by the Soviet, and the company asserted that the present Soviet Government offering represented an attempt to realize here on the credit of the Russian railways, while at the same time repudiating an earlier obligation of the same railways to American investors.—Reuter.

Mr. W. R. Gardner, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Singapore, has called for Home on furlough.

COULD NOT READ.

A BOY'S WRITING AND ARITHMETIC.

PERFECT EYESIGHT.

The strange case of a lad whose eyesight was perfect, but who could not "see" letters and words properly, is related by Mr. A. M. MacGillivray in the "British Medical Journal."

Congenital word blindness, as it is called, means that the visual memory for letters and words is defective. No other defects may be found in the eyes or eyesight, and no trouble experienced with figures or sums.

The lad's mother brought him to the Dundee Eye Institution, to see if there was anything wrong with the boy's eye-sight, as ever since he had been to school he appeared totally unable to recognise the written letters of the alphabet.

His teachers had thought him simply backward and stupid and kept him in the infant class; yet he could learn figures and do simple sums. He had no serious illness and no history of eye troubles, yet when asked to read printed letters could only do so correctly after several unsuccessful attempts.

Good at Pictures. He was totally unable to read even the simplest words, such as "cat" or "dog," but the pictures of a cat or dog he at once recognised and named correctly.

He could write slowly and distinctly, but was unable to do so to dictation. He showed a marked aptitude and keenness for drawing. Had the conditions been discovered earlier, special tuition in spelling and reading could have been instituted with the hope of overcoming the disability. Several successful results have been recorded by various authorities.

It is therefore highly important that all cases of children who exhibit marked difficulty in learning their letters (comments the doctor) should be carefully examined and special individual tuition adopted if "congenital word blindness" be diagnosed.

"PSYCHIC GLOVES."

THRUSTING HAND INTO MOLTEN WAX.

Thrilling tests to produce "psychic" gloves by normal means were made at the Queen's Gate Hall, South Kensington, London, recently.

Mr. Stanley de-Brath, who is connected with the National Laboratory of Physical Research, after having his arm tightly strapped, plunged his hand first into a bowl of molten wax and then into a bowl of cold water.

His attempt was unsuccessful, and he suffered great pain owing to the heat of the wax. The gloves broke into fragments in the attempt to remove it.

A second attempt made by Mrs. Relf was successful, after a struggle to remove the glove. A good cast was obtained, to the delight of the audience.

Dr. R. J. Tillyard, honorary vice-president of the National Laboratory of Physical Research, said he thought these "psychic" gloves could be produced by normal means, though spiritualists claimed they could only be produced by spirit means.

He thought such gloves could be produced through a person having a tourniquet bound tightly just above the elbow while the hand and arm were hanging down, so that the abnormal pressure caused the hand to swell, and then in this condition plunging it first into hot liquid wax and then into cold water, until the layer of wax was fairly thick and hardened.

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AUTHORS' BLUNDERS

DO WE ASK TOO MUCH OF THEM?

THE ART OF FICTION.

The overshadowing by the novelist of all other branches of the profession of letters, which is the most notable feature of recent literary history, is not without its embarrassments to himself. The novel is coming to be subjected to the minute and detailed criticism that was formerly reserved for the solemn productions of scholarship and science. But whereas the author of a treatise on Browning's use of the split infinitive, or on the manners and morals of the plesiosaurus, may be fairly sure of having only to face the attacks of his fellow-grammarians or palaeontologists, with whom he is presumably competent to deal, the unhappy novelist, whose theme, is common life, finds himself beset by the innumerable specialists in the midst of whom common life is lived. If his characters go on a railway journey, some erudite Bradshaw scholar may convict them of starting from the wrong terminus and travelling by a train consecrated exclusively to the transport of milk-cans; if they fall sick, Harley-street will patronizingly observe that the treatment they receive for scarlet fever is that prescribed by the profession for cases of housemaid's knee; if they inherit great possessions from unsuspected and intestate noble kinsmen, genealogists pour scorn on the proofs of their pedigree and conveyancers expose the invalidity of their title-deeds. Their investments must satisfy the censorious judgment of Tattersall's or the Stock Exchange, their sports please critical and expert eyes at Twickenham or Lord's; while their creator cannot even consign them to the grave without anxiety for some flaw in procedure which may expose him to the ridicule of sextons, undertakers, or monumental masons. We can scarcely wonder at the increasing tendency of contemporary writers to take refuge in the old dictum that every man possesses the material for one good story, and to confine themselves to variations on an autobiographical theme.

Undoubtedly there are some books to which it is fair to apply these exacting tests. Such, for instance, are historical novels, not because of the disturbing effect of their casual inaccuracies on the minds of students of history, who are too small a class to be entitled to special consideration in works not primarily addressed to them, but because an historical novel is by its very nature didactic. However modest the author's intention may be, the majority of his readers are sure to accept him at his face value as a teacher of history; it is right to expect some assurance that they are not being misled. The presentation of the Knights of the Temple as priests, and of a Franciscan friar dispensing lavish hospitality in an English forest at a date when St. Francis was playing in his nursery at Assisi, are real, if minor, flaws in a great masterpiece, because "Ivanhoe" is definitely an historical novel; the infant Perdita's landing on the sea-coast of Bohemia detracts nothing whatever from the greatness of "A Winter's Tale," which no one has ever taken for a geographical play. Another class of novel of which a special accuracy is justly demanded is the novel of propaganda. Though some play must here be allowed to rhetorical exaggeration, and though we do not expect the authorities for the administration of brimstone and trelce to be cited in footnotes, a disproof of the historicity of the main features of Dostoevsky's "The Idiot" would reduce "Nicholas Nickleby" to the rank of a scurrilous libel. With some other novels of specialised themes we reach more debatable ground. The writer of a detective story, recently pilloried in our columns by a member of the force for ignorance of the relative precedence of a chief constable and an inspector, might retort that professional police procedure is only incidental to his subject, that no sane man would come to him for instruction upon it, and that he could not be expected to anticipate the extension of the traditional recreations of "busmen to the inner circles of Scotland Yard. Exponents of that popular branch of the art, the desert novel, may claim that the shield is now universally understood as a purely ideal figure, and that a reader has only herself to thank if she experiences any inconvenience from using one of these works as a manual of etiquette in the polite society of the Saharas. And the writer who is no specialist but a simple storyteller, and who is told that, before he sends his manuscript to the printer, he must go the rounds of the experts and have the hero's wardrobe censured in Savile-row and the heroine's in Bond-street; the moonlight of their betrothal at Greenwich and their marriage licence at Doctor's Commons, will

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A DANIEL

THE TIGER AND HIS CARCASS.

AMUSING TEMERLOH STORY.

A Daniel has appeared in Temerloh and given judgment in a curious case.

For some time the people of the district have been greatly worried by the presence of a tiger which carried away their cattle for his dinner. One of the victims of these depredations, whom we shall call Mat for purposes of identification, betook himself to the jungle with a pot of rice in his hand, his double-barrelled—or it may have been only a single—gun on his shoulder and an oath between his teeth that he would never return home until he had collared the marauder dead or alive. He lay in wait patiently with the body of a newly killed calf. He waited long but his patience was eventually rewarded when "Stripes" arrived and he shot him. The tiger was an old hand at the game and took to his heels limping rather badly and on his way he had to pass some Indian labourers' lines. Ramasamy, Meenatchi, their children, uncles, aunts etc. were having a quiet confabulation at the time round a home fire in which were blazing some formidable looking logs.

Suddenly the apparition of a lame tiger came into view. The tiger had his own troubles to look after and had no time to weigh the pros and cons of an attack on the homely gathering, but Ramasamy and his company seized the position at once. The tiger they found was walking only on three legs. Therefore, they argued, he was maintaining a somewhat precarious equilibrium. Their conjecture proved right and Ramasamy's first blow made the tiger sputter on his haunches. Then the whole force in the lines quickly came and belaboured the tiger to such good effect that the labourers were able to bring the carcass to the Temerloh police station and ask for the usual reward.

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BLIND SHADOW.

CROWD THAT GREW AND LAUGHED.

Two people unwittingly became film actors and amused a crowd of 500 people in High-street, Dalston-junction E.

The screen was a blind of an upper window of a store above which five several people, while the actors were a man and woman in the room. Their shadows were projected on to the blind, and their movements could be seen by the crowd below.

They were apparently on affectionate terms, and this was noticed with considerable hilarity by the crowd below.

As the dumb show continued the crowd grew bigger and bigger until a policeman on point duty had his attention drawn to it. Other police arrived, quickly dispersed the crowd, and told the two people behind the blind that if they were not so near the blind they would not be mistaken for a cinema show. Then the show ended.

If he has a proper confidence in himself and pride in his calling, sweep aside all these irrelevancies with indifference or scorn, protesting that his craft is the craft of Homer, and his subject, by his treatment of which alone he can be judged, is not tailoring or astronomy or jurisprudence, but men and women, whose innermost hearts will not be seriously affected though trousers be creased down the sides and the moon rise in the west. And perhaps the art of fiction will not be grievously impaired if, with all this hypercriticalism of the trivial, he repudiates the exaggerated realism from which it proceeds, placing the scene of his next story in the Land of Heart's Desire and dating it "Once upon a time."—Times.

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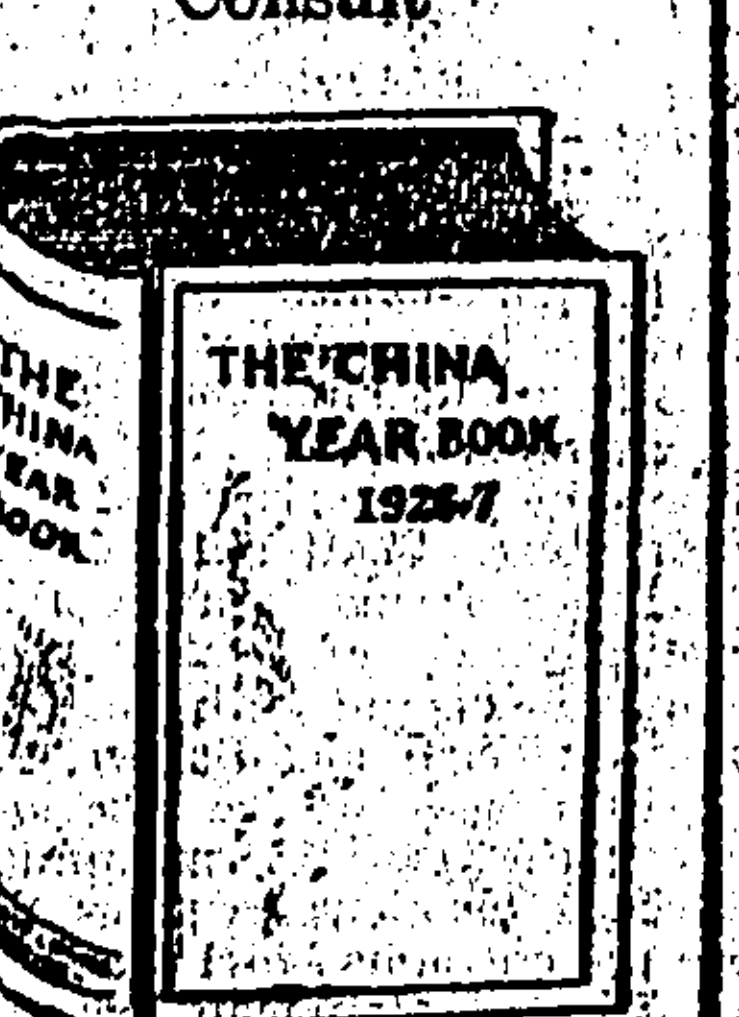
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MANX LANGUAGE.

ITS HISTORY AND ITS DECAY.
SURVIVED FOR CENTURIES.

Another language, the native tongue of the Isle of Man, is threatened with certain and quick decay. As a correspondent of "The Times" has been lamenting, fewer than one thousand of Manxland's 50,000 inhabitants have now any working knowledge of Manx, whereas at the beginning of this century there were nearly 50,000 bilinguals in the Isle of Man. The number of those inhabitants who speak no English is even less, though, strangely enough, it remains almost the same as it was fifty years ago. It is estimated that there are still about 180 real "Manx" people—people who use exclusively the language brought to the Manx shores by the westward-roaming Celts in pre-Christian days.

Manx is a variant of the Celtic speech. It was brought into Man, Ireland, and the Western Isle of Scotland by the Goidelic branch of the Celts. Superficially, Manx seems to be much more closely related to Irish than to Scots Gaelic. Actually, however, the Manxman's dialect is more easily made himself understood in Southern Argyll than he can at Kinsale. Yet the difference between the three Celtic speeches is small. A "foot" in Manx is "caas," in Scots "caus," in Irish "cos." Hence the herring fishers of Man, meeting either Scots or Irish fishermen, have, or had, small difficulty in conversing on simple, straightforward matters.

The Celts gave Man their language, and this language survived the centuries—weathering even the changes brought about by the Reformation. But little of the island's language found its way on to paper, except some ballads and carols. These latter were sung on Christmas Eve or Oilel Voirey, the feast of St. Mary. One of the earliest monuments of the Manx vernacular is the Book of Common Prayer drawn up and issued by Bishop Phillips at the beginning of the seventeenth century. At this period, and up to one hundred years later, so flourishing was the Manx language that two-thirds of the island's inhabitants knew no English.

The last Manx Bible. In 1764, hardly any of the 20,000 people living in Man knew any other tongue than Manx. These people thought and talked in Manx. The Bibles and prayer-books in their homes were printed in Manx. Their children learned Manx in their schools. In 1840 came the last issue of the New Testament in Manx, and within thirty-five years the number of people able to speak English and Manx had grown to over 12,000; the number able to speak only Manx had decreased to 190.

The Manx language has a strong Scandinavian flavour, and at least one-third of the Manx proper names are of Scandinavian origin. This is not surprising when it is remembered that "Orri, the Dane," was Manxland's first Norse ruler. In the thirteenth century many Scots Gaelic words found their way into the Manx language, since the island then passed into the possession of Alexander III. of Scotland. In matters ecclesiastical Man was still Norwegian, and its bishop was Bishop of Sodor and Man—Sodor, being the Western islands of Scotland as distinct from the northern isles of Orkney and Shetland.

It would seem, however, that while the temporal ruler of Man was Scots, and the spiritual ruler Scandinavian, the Manx themselves found their greatest kinship with their Irish cousins. A mutual understanding between the two peoples led to some modification of the Manx tongue. But Manx retained its characteristics, one of which was periphrasis.

Some Old Names. As a spoken language Manx is in a sad condition to-day. It has fought a losing fight against a constant rising tide of Irish, Scots, and English—especially English—immigrants. Yet the Isle of Man seems with evidence of the Manx tongue. Practically all its place-names are Manx. Douglas, its capital, takes its name from its situation on the two rivers, Awin Dhoo and Awin Glass—the black river and the bright river. Scattered over the island are farms innumerable, practically all of which have names beginning with ball or balla—Ballaugh and Ballure, respectively place of the lake and place of the yew. The mountains are allens, the glens are ihens, the bogs are curraghs—and the most sophisticated Manxman, hearing the most Manx of names, never dreams of Anglicising these familiar and beautiful local names.

In the towns little Manx is spoken, but in the small coast villages the fishermen still call the birds, the beasts, and the fish by their Manx names; knowing little of conversational Manx if they are young, custom is still so strong that they count their catches in Manx. Custom and

YOUNG LADY'S AGE.

CLAIM ON PROMISSORY NOTES.
DECEPTIVE APPEARANCES.

Singapore, March 1. The case was heard in the District Court yesterday in which Chong San-teow claimed from Low Geok-kee, a young lady, the sum of \$480, being the amount of principal and interest on two promissory notes of \$200 each, said to be due plaintiff by the defendant. Mr. Lim appeared for the young lady while Mr. Conaghan represented the claimant. The main question, however, concerned the age of defendant, for it was alleged that she was a minor when the promissory note was signed.

In his medical certificate, which he had written after the examination of defendant, Dr. Savage states that his patient is not over twenty years of age and that he is inclined towards the conclusion that she is between nineteen and twenty years old. Cross-examining Mr. Conaghan asked witness if such was not an unusual way of ascertaining defendant's age and if the production of a birth certificate was not a better method. To this Dr. Savage replied that he had merely been asked to give his opinion as a medical practitioner. On the request of plaintiff's counsel, Dr. Savage explained that he based his examination on the general appearance of the lady. He next inspected her mouth as regards her teeth and noted the absence of wisdom teeth which, among the Chinese make an earlier appearance than among Westerners and particularly so with the Chinese feminine kind, who possess wisdom teeth earlier than their men. Neither were there any signs of dental eruption.

Mr. Conaghan: You are fully aware that appearances are deceptive?

Dr. Savage: They are deceptive.

And you know that wisdom teeth do not grow in persons of the same age?

That is perfectly true. Eighteen to twenty-one years of age is the range in Western cases. If your evidence to her age was such that she would be put on the scaffold, would you swear that she is not twenty-one years old?

I should still abide by my evidence.

How often do you examine people for the purpose of ascertaining their age?

There have been two cases in this Court in which I have appeared.

Is it the usual method?

One is more guided by the teeth than anything else.

The teeth may be relied upon as far as horses are concerned, not humans.

Dr. Savage then quoted a passage from a book in which it states that the teeth are a help towards forming an estimate of the age of persons.

You are not prepared to assent to my suggestion that in some people wisdom teeth do not grow at all.

Dr. Savage replied that he had not gone into dentistry to endorse that statement.

PERSECUTED SECT.
ATTEMPT TO "STAMP OUT" NAZARENES.

A "peculiarly barbarous form of persecution" against Nazarenes in Jugoslavia is alleged in a statement issued by the No More War Movement.

It is asserted that the Nazarenes—whose faith precludes them from bearing arms, although they may perform non-combatant service—are sentenced to long terms of imprisonment for refusing military service, and after serving the full or a shortened term are "pardoned." They are then informed that by virtue of the "pardon" they again enter into their civil rights and become liable for service. They are once more sent to the army, and on refusing to bear arms are sent to further imprisonment. The policy, it is asserted, is to imprison and pardon, and imprison again until the victim passes the age when he is of use to the army or able to earn a livelihood. The Jugoslavian Government is stated to have decided that the sect must be stamped out.

Negotiations to induce the Government to modify its attitude have been undertaken, and should these fail an appeal to the League of Nations is possible.

tradition are strong among the fishermen, and, like their forefathers, they never raise their laden nets till the sun has risen above the peak of Cronk Ny Tree Laa, the hill of the rising day. That is a beautiful name in which the Manx may well take pride. Yet those who are most anxious to perpetuate the thousand and one lovely place-names of Man are not the Manx; but the "foreign" immigrants!—"The Observer."

MYSTERY RAPPINGS.

STORY OF TERRIFIED WOMEN.
JUMPING SALAD BOWL.

Since Mr. Frederick Robinson, one of the occupants of a house of mystery in Eland-road, Battersea, S.W., was taken away and placed under observation at St. John's Hospital, Battersea, there have been two more mysterious raids upon the house, according to the three sisters of Mr. Robinson.

The second raid was so alarming that the three sisters left the house immediately, refusing to sleep in it. Peter Perkins, the 14-years-old son of one of the sisters, has been taken to stay with relations.

The following morning a "Daily Mail" reporter saw two of the sisters, Mrs. Perkins and Miss Kathleen Robinson, an L.C.C. school teacher, who had called at the house to see what further damage had been done.

Thumps and Crashes. Broken glass from windows and doors was lying on the floor, and in one room there were the shattered remains of a salad bowl. Miss Kathleen Robinson said:

Peter has gone away, and I am going to Yorkshire to-morrow. We had a raid yesterday morning after my brother had been taken away and another last night after Peter had gone. Yesterday morning we were sitting at breakfast when there was a thumping on one of the bedroom doors, then there was a crash, and when we ran upstairs we found that a work-box had jumped from a chest of drawers on to a chair and had burst open. There was another crash in a room downstairs soon after, and when we entered it we found that a salad bowl had jumped from the top of a cupboard and landed in fragments by the door at the other side of the room.

Last night I was in the kitchen alone when my niece from Woodford arrived. There was loud knocking on the coal-cellar door, and a few minutes later a lump of soda fell across the room and crashed through the glass door leading into the back garden. Hunt for Supposed "Poltergeist."

Determined efforts were made to drive away the supposed "Poltergeist" (hobgoblin) or "Rackety Spirit."

Two widely different methods of attack are being adopted. Practical-minded local residents are looking for a "ghost" with two legs, while spiritualists are trying to exercise a spirit which is supposed to be able to push over heavy furniture and scatter about heavy lumps of coal and soda.

The materialists have been hiding in a back garden adjoining the house of mystery in an endeavour to catch the "ghost" which throws stones with such remarkable aim. Stones from an unknown source fell in the garden close to the house.

Night Watches. Watch is being kept every night. On one occasion three Territorial officers and two professional men, armed with electric torches and sticks, hid for four hours in a garden close by and heard a number of small stones fall close to them.

One of the party said to a reporter:

It was impossible to tell where the stones came from. On the previous night while I was on watch heavy stones were thrown with extraordinary force and accuracy in my direction. I was standing close against the back of a house near the one affected. The stones appeared to come from the end of the garden.

A large garden running at the back of the garden of the turbulent house is being patrolled by night and day.

Psychic Investigators. Psychic investigators revel in an opportunity to watch a so-called "Poltergeist" at play. In many instances it has been found after long watch that the disturbances were caused by some abnormally minded individual. In other cases the causes of disturbance have been elucidated.

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"MIMICRY NOT ACTING."

"It is only by a complete severance from Savoy opera and the Savoy tradition that the amateur operatic stage can fulfil its highest aspirations," said Mr. F. H. Jessop, a former president of the National Operatic and Dramatic Association, at the Association's dinner in London.

"Amongst amateur societies the worship of Gilbert and Sullivan has become an idolatry which is obstructing the advancement of British music as well as British opera. It is lamentable to think of the lack of originality and initiative of those societies who imagine they are contributing to art by a constant succession of Gilbert and Sullivan productions. These operas are a training ground not for actors but for mimics."

THE BIG SWORDS.

HUNGHUTSE GIVEN FREE HAND IN SUPPRESSION.
MOVEMENT SMOLDERING.

Harbin, Feb. 20. Much has recently appeared, both in the Chinese and foreign press, about the activities of the Ta Tou Hwei (Big Sword Society) in the Tungkuwa district and the expedition led by Tuchun Wu of Heilungkiang against them. He had under him over 3,000 troops of all sorts, more than double the number of the insurgents who have been defeated and dispersed. Their leader, Taolist prefect, was caught by a ruse and executed, whilst orders were issued not to give quarter in any of the villages which had been sheltering his followers.

The Heilungkiang cavalrymen, for the most part enlisted Hunghutees from the wild north, taking advantage of the order, sacked all the places they visited, and, after committing excesses of all sorts, fired villages and hamlets. Many innocent persons, including women and children, were butchered, whilst cattle, horses, pigs, and poultry were seized and eaten.

After being in the field for some two weeks, General Wu, a hardened soldier of 67, returned to Mukden on horseback unshaken by the hardships of winter travel in the wilds of Manchuria, satisfied with the crude methods he had employed, as they had been swift and effective as a whole, and he was able to telegraph to Marshal Chang that the suppression had been complete.

It is said that nearly 2,000 Big Swords lost their lives, whilst the government casualties were about 50 killed and four times this number wounded.

The latest news indicates that the movement still is smoldering and that the natives, incensed at what has happened, are again bent on revolting. The problem of the proper administration of the Yalu frontier area has yet to be solved by Chinese officials.

SAME WOMAN TWICE.
MARRIAGE OF DEVIL'S ISLAND MAN.

Paris.—Eugene Dieudonne, who was granted a free pardon when he returned to Marseilles recently after escaping from the dreaded convict settlement at Devil's Island, French Guiana, has just remarried his wife.

He was pardoned because after 16 years he had been found innocent of taking part in the murders committed by the notorious Bonnot gang of motor bandits, for which he was sentenced to death. It was commuted to penal servitude for life.

The day after the sentence he advised his wife to obtain a divorce and start life anew with their little son. She obeyed his wish, and divorce proceedings went through automatically.

But Mme. Dieudonne's faith in her husband's innocence never wavered, and she never remarried. She worked as a saleswoman in a Paris shop and brought up her son, who is now 20.

When Dieudonne landed at Marseilles from Devil's Island last October his faithful wife was the first to embrace him.

But legal formality demanded that they should remarry. Dieudonne's best man was M. Belbon, one of the jurymen who found him guilty.

IGNORANT WIVES.

KNOW-NOTHING KIND OF WOMEN.
SWEEPING CRITICISM.

The latest critic of modern marriage sweepingly describes ninety per cent. of the women who marry, now-a-days as know-nothing wives—they cannot cook, to darn they are unable, they have the vaguest notions of stocking a store cupboard, and their minds are blissfully blank of the elementary rules of domestic organisation, writes Hilda Nield in the "Daily Chronicle."

The wedding-day ignorance of common household affairs provides the critics with an abundance of incidents which make good copy for them. I could fill a book with first-year incidents of housewifely failures which have been quoted to me as certain prognostications of marriage tragedies.

There was the ex-business girl wife who made her first experiment with cooking a chicken. She had never handled a dead chicken before, and when she took the nicely browned bird out of the oven her glow of pleasure almost gave her a temperature. Her husband said he had never seen a better bird—till he carved it. Then their joy fizzled away. The plumpness of the fowl was not due to forcemeat judiciously inserted, but was caused by the presence of those parts of a fowl's anatomy which are always removed before a bird is cooked.

Every Wife Should Know. Another young wife with whom I dined gave us oxtail soup. It was her first oxtail, and after boiling it rapidly for ten minutes she strained off the liquor into the tureen.

And the critics say: "What right have such women to get married? Something should be done to prevent women rushing into matrimony before they can do the things which every wife should know how to do!"

The critics quote these incidents, but they never tell how these two know-nothing wives in their first year of adventure learned the ways of running a home from their early mistakes and experiments, and that now they can give points in domestic efficiency to their grandmothers.

This sort of thing is typical of the modern wife—if she is painted in fair colours.

The trouble is that many people who like to lay down laws about marriage blind themselves to the fact that the fabric of woman's life has changed during the last century. Even the person who prides himself upon his Modern Point of View will give you a list of essential qualifications for a woman contemplating marriage, which tallies exactly with a list made in Victorian days.

To darn, to cook, to manage a maid, to manipulate a man's income for his advantage to entertain. . . you can find it all in the domestic manuals of the nineteenth century.

Modern Point of View. The modern woman does not worry with domestic manuals before marriage. Her point of view was expressed vigorously by an Eton-cropped young woman who was being catechised by one of her fiancé's relatives about her ability for looking after Ernest.

"I can't even boil a potato," said the Eton-cropped one shamelessly.

"I can't darn socks, and I don't know a thing about buying butcher's meat. But I'm jolly well sure that I am marrying the right man, and he'll stand by me while I'm learning all the house gadgets."

Let us admit this superabundance of know-nothing women who become wives, but let us admit it as an everyday economic factor, not as something of which to be ashamed.

BIG ARMS DEAL.

ITALIAN SUEB BY CHANG CHING-YAO IN TIENTSIN.
COMPETENCY TO SUE.

Tientsin, Mar. 5. An interesting sequel to a \$1,000,000 arms deal negotiated in 1919 between General Chang Ching-yao, then Tupan of Hunan, and Signor Egidio Marzoli, an Italian citizen residing in Tientsin, was heard in the local Italian Court on Saturday. In view of the fact that the arms were not delivered, the former Tupan is suing Signor Marzoli for a refund of the first installment, amounting to \$300,000, which was paid in Signor Marzoli's name into a bank in Tientsin.

Signor Marzoli entered a plea that General Chang had not the right of standing before the Court as the contract had been made with the Governor of Hunan. He declared that the claim should be submitted by the Provincial Government of Hunan.

The case is proceeding.—Reuter.

SHIP'S CAT LOST.
OVERSTAYING HIS SHORE LEAVE.

Tommy, the pet cat of the "Wandle," the Wandsworth, Wimbledon, and Epsom District Gas Company's collier, is missing, and the company, conscious of his value and valour, offers a reward for his discovery or information about him.

He went ashore one night recently while the ship was lying at Goole docks, waiting to go to sea and was not missed until the vessel was well down the Humber.

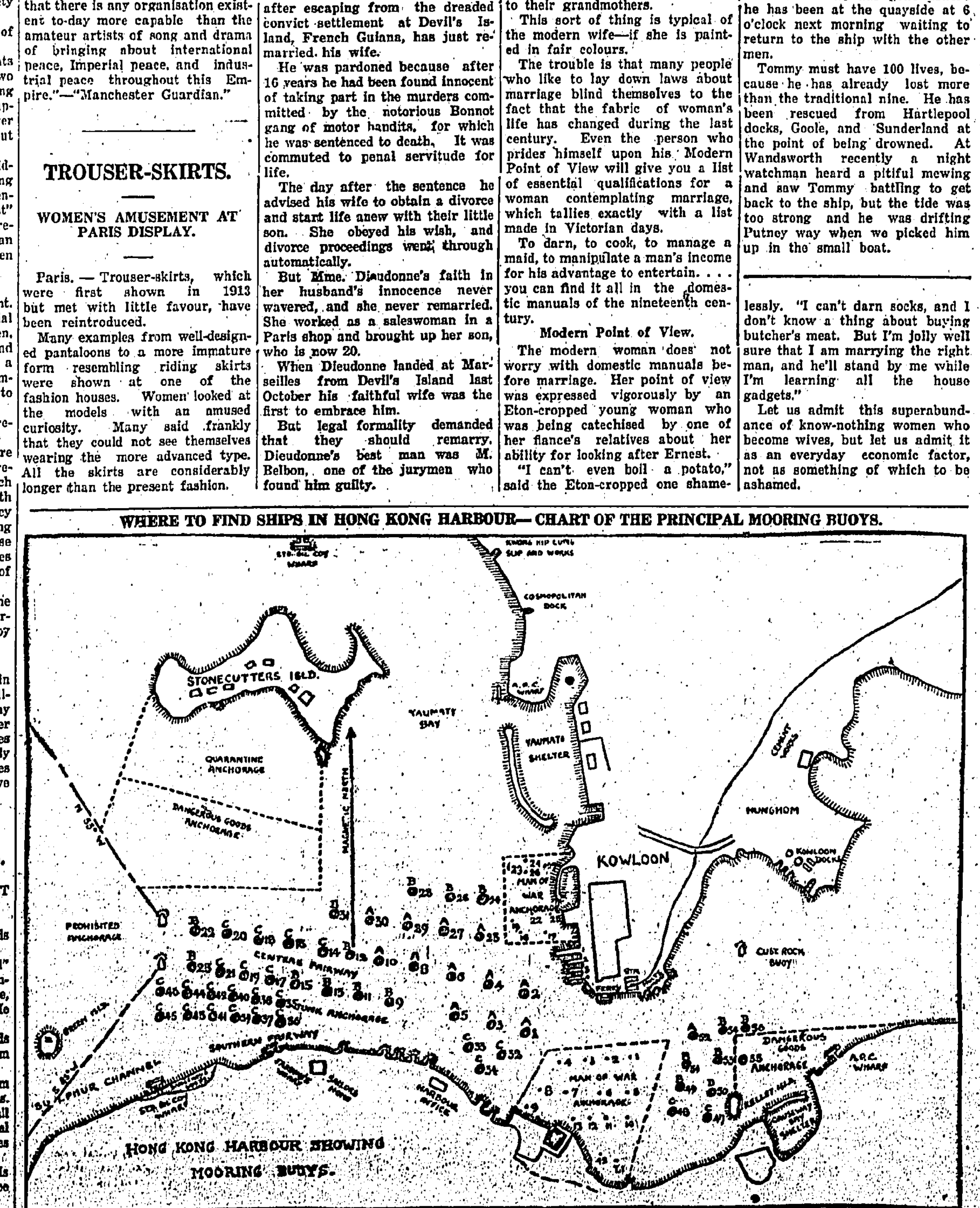
"Tommy is a rare sailor and has the habits of one," said Captain Corney to a reporter. He added: "He can swim like a fish. Whenever we are in port, except here at Wandsworth, he goes ashore like the rest of us, but wanders off on his own when Gurney, the seaman who feeds him, is not one of the shore party. When Gurney goes ashore Tommy follows him about like a dog, and when he is at the wheel he lies at his feet all the time. On every other occasion when he has gone ashore he has been at the quayside at 6 o'clock next morning waiting to return to the ship with the other men."

Tommy must have 100 lives, because he has already lost more than the traditional nine. He has been rescued from Hartlepool docks, Goslee, and Sunderland at the point of being drowned. At Wandsworth recently a night watchman heard a pitiful mewling and saw Tommy battling to get back to the ship, but the tide was too strong and he was drifting Putney way when we picked him up in the small boat.

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THE PEARLIES.

ROYALTY AT COSTERMONGERS' BALL.

HOME TRIMMED HATS.

Long before the Duke and Duchess of York arrived at Finsbury Town Hall where the costermongers' ball was held, the atmosphere was almost oppressively regal, for so many pearly kings and pearly queens were there, some of them accompanied by their pearly progeny. There were pearly monarchs from Finsbury and Fulham, Hampstead, Kentish Town, and from more other boroughs than one can remember, and their costumes were amazing.

No West End embroideress works harder to adorn a Court frock than do some of these street traders to make themselves gorgeous. Mr. Thomas Allum, for instance, who had served long years in the army before he won the D.C.M. at Neuve Chapelle, and who is now pearly king of Walham Green, laboured for three months to cover his suit and cap with close-set buttons and then made an equally resplendent gown for his queen. Smiling under a hat covered with multi-coloured plumes, she said that she trimmed her hat herself, but her king had designed and worked her pearly costumes. Some of the patterns, including the large bird of love which adorned her jacket, had been copied from the tattooing on his arm, and she pushed his sleeve up to show the very small model.

Other ladies, who are perhaps in the flower trade, had large designs of flowers in pots, and one stalwart costermonger wore a suit covered with round petalled flowers. The whiteness of the buttons large and small gave the background, which was generally rough cloth, a velvety look. The coloured beads introduced on some suits and frocks were an innovation not altogether to be admired, and another thing that struck outsiders as strange was the fact that several of the men kept the pearl-covered caps on even in the presence of the Duchess, perhaps under the impression that they were crowns. One aged lady kindly revealed the fact that she wore leather braces to support the 28 pounds weight of her shirt.

Talking with them one learned that the best way to buy pearl buttons is by the pound in Houndsditch, that not many of the costermongers now-a-days possess donkeys—one man was lamenting the loss of a donkey that had won prizes at many shows—and that the pearly costume does not always denote that its wearer is a genuine costermonger. It may be his idea of a fancy dress. Also it was worthy of note that nearly all the ladies had bobbed their hair and most of them had had it elegantly waved. Many of them smoked cigarettes. Women were so much in the majority that for lack of other partners they fox-trotted and waltzed with each other. It was a fine sight when a coster lady in an immense hat covered with long coloured plumes danced with another pearly lady whose small close-fitting hat might, but for the buttons, have come from Paris.

An Excited Welcome.
The National Association of Street Traders, which had organised the ball, is the organisation that helps street traders in their legal difficulties, and it has been very busy lately over the complications of the new Street Trading Act. It is eminently patriotic, and the favourite fancy headgear, for many of the dancers were in fancy dress, was a cardboard hat with a Union Jack on the crown.

Crowds of people waited in the street outside the hall to cheer the Duke and Duchess on their arrival. When the official party entered the hall in a procession with the Mayor and Mayoress, Lord Lonsdale (the president) and other officials of the Association, the company went wild with enthusiasm. They clapped tumultuously as they sang the National Anthem, and one reveller in his or her excitement placed a yellow and purple paper cap on the head of the Duchess as she passed through the narrow lane. Smiling and unperturbable, the Duchess quickly removed it and carried it with her to the platform. She has never looked more exquisite or in more radiant health than she did that night in her frock of shell pink georgette sparkling with diamante, and her appropriate pearls.

She and the Duke entered thoroughly into the spirit of the occasion, and looked as festive as the dancers. After the Mayor had welcomed them to the borough, Lord Lonsdale, beaming genially, welcomed them on behalf of the Association, but his popularity made it hard for him to get a hearing. "Dear old man," cried a hearty voice. "Shut up," said his lordship equally. He went on to say that he knew the new Street Trading Act had caused a great deal of trouble. He had been asked by the Association to go into the matter, but he thought that it

"APE MAN" IN KENT.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN TERRORISED.

MURDEROUS GLANCE.

The efforts of the police to trace the "ape-man" who is terrorising the women and children living in the districts of Bromley, Bickley and Chislehurst, in North Kent, have been unsuccessful so far. Their investigations have been hindered by sensational stories that have originated in the fevered imaginations of some women, says the "Sunday News" correspondent.

The trouble began when a woman complained that her handbag had been snatched. Unfortunately the police learned of this too late. Then there were complaints about the "strange creature" who climbed trees, made grimaces and gibbered like an uncaged gorilla.

A Nurse's Story.
In a tour of investigation I met a nurse, who told me of an encounter she had in Freeland-road. "It was dusk," she said, "when a fellow who looked threatening, and was certainly of an offensive type, stepped in my path. He thrust his face into mine—and, it may be imagination, it seemed as though he had murder in his glance."

"I did not wait, but swung round as though to enter a house which happened to be near and to have a light in the hall window. I passed through the gates and the man who had frightened me vanished into the shadows."

"I am told that people who were passing a field near a neighbouring hill-top saw someone clinging to a tree branch, gesticulating and shouting."

The mother of Miss Lucy Self, a young and attractive girl who resides in Wharton-road, told me that while her daughter was passing along a lonely lane beyond Burnt Ash-lane a weird-looking person sprang at her. He attempted to hold her, but she managed to out-distance her pursuer.

The Frightened Youth.
A youth employed by a firm of boot-makers in Bromley relates how, while cycling by a popular golf course, a man stumbled in his way and threw a stick at him with the intention of knocking him down. He had the common sense to pedal away, and was only able to give a meagre description of the assailant as "threatening and cruel."

About the same time as Miss Self was attacked a curious experience happened to a laundry manageress whose business premises adjoin a motor garage in Bickley. When I called I was unable to meet the manageress, but an official at the garage told me he understood she had been terrified by seeing a face peering in at the window.

Wherever I went I found tales of "rough men," and one with an "ape-like" face. The people suspect practical jokers, but the fact remains that women and children are afraid to go out after dark.

SULTAN'S GIFT TO MUSEUM.

A mounted specimen of a young Sumatran rhinoceros has been presented by H. H. the Sultan of Perak to the Natural History Museum, South Kensington.

Included among recent purchases of the museum are the skin and skeleton of a gorilla, collected for the museum in the Belgian Congo by special permission of the Belgian Minister for the Colonies.

The acquisition of this specimen was rendered possible by the generosity of Lord Rothschild.

would be better to see how the Act worked for a time, before getting the necessary alterations. He believed the trouble would be removed.

The Duke replied briefly, but indicated that the object of having a ball was to dance, and they had better get on with the dancing. The little daughter of a street trader presented the Duchess with an exceptionally graceful bouquet of carnations and lilies of the valley. Two small pearly royalties were brought on to the platform by Lord Lonsdale to be presented to the Duke and Duchess and before the royalties left the Duchess received from another pearly child a little doll dressed as a costermonger for Princess Elizabeth.

The rest was dancing. Lord Lonsdale led off with a coster lady in a fancy cardboard hat, who kissed him soundly before they parted. Then he retired to the platform to watch the Duke and Duchess dancing a set of lancers with the efficient party. They danced in a narrow space between the delighted traders, some of whom could not keep their own feet still, and they acquitted themselves well, though it was noticed that even the Duchess had to be coached at times. Finally they left amid cheers, and they were cheered all the way down the road.—"Manchester Guardian."

NEGRO ANTHEM.

"BLACK REPUBLIC" FIGURES IN A STRANGE BEQUEST.

BARRISTER RECITES.

A negro's bequest to the parent body of the Universal Negro Improvement Association for "the redemption of Africa" was the subject of an appeal which came before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London, on January 19, and during the hearing what was described as "a universal Ethiopian anthem" was recited by Mr. Gavin Simonds, K.C.

The anthem was as follows:—
Ethiopia, the land of our fathers,
Thou land where gods love to be;

As storm cloud at night sudden gathers
Our arms come rushing to thee.

We must in the fight be victorious,
When swords are thrust outward to glean.

For us will the victory be glorious
When led by the red, black, and gleam.

For "Redemption" of Africa.

The case before the Committee—which was composed of Viscount Haldane, Lord Shaw, and Lord Carson—was an appeal from a judgment of the Supreme Court of British Honduras relative to the validity of a bequest to an alleged illegal society. The appellants were the Universal Negro Improvement Association (Incorporated) and others, and the respondent was Mrs. Morter, whose husband—a negro named Isaiah Emmanuel Morter—made a bequest of his real and personal estate as to the residue of his real Universal Negro Improvement Association for the African Redemption Fund, states the "Glasgow Herald."

The Supreme Court held that the bequest was inoperative and void as being against public policy and that the testator died intestate as to the residue of his real and personal estate. The Judge held that the gifts were for an illegal purpose and contrary to public policy on the ground that, in his view, the redemption of Africa was intended to be effected, not by peaceful and constitutional methods, but by revolution and war to drive out the existing Governments in Africa and establish a Black Republic. He based his conclusion on provisions in the Constitution book, and on articles in "The Negro World," which Mr. Simonds (appearing for the appellants) described as having been written by a hot-head.

Use of Military Terms.
Lord Haldane remarked that military terms were used in the constitution book in regard to organisation, such as legions, uniforms, and bands, and military and active service.

Mr. Simonds said there was also a universal Ethiopian anthem which was at the trial.

Lord Carson—Did they sing it? Mr. Simonds—No; it was read. He then recited the anthem, and Lord Haldane said he saw that they also sang "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." He would like to hear the tune of the Ethiopian universal anthem.

Could Mr. Simonds help them? Mr. Simonds expressed regret that he could not sing it. Lord Haldane—It is very odd. I found in a hymn book the other day the "Deutschland" tune which was sung all through the war; and the Austrian National Anthem is sung as a tune to several hymns.

Lord Carson—I don't think you could sing this anthem to the tune of "God Save the King." (Laughter.)

Hymns And Battle Songs.
Lord Haldane said he thought there was no doubt it was a battle song. "But then so are revival hymns. Look at 'Hold the Fort,'" he added.

Lord Shaw—Look at the spirit of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." (Laughter.)

Mr. Simonds—And as I stand here "Fight the Good Fight" occurs to me. (Laughter.)

The constitution, said Mr. Simonds, provided for a potentate who was to hold his reception. There intervened in the appeal the Universal Negro Improvement Association, and the African Communities League, a voluntary society to whom the Judge found that the bequest was made. An attempt had been made in a wholly friendly way to colonise part of Liberia.

Lord Carson said that no one would draw an inference against the Salvation Army—for which he had a profound respect—because it had captains and divisions.

Sir Thomas Chitty, K.C., for the respondent, urged that the propaganda showed a tendency to incite rebellion and that the fund was, therefore, against public policy.

The hearing was adjourned.

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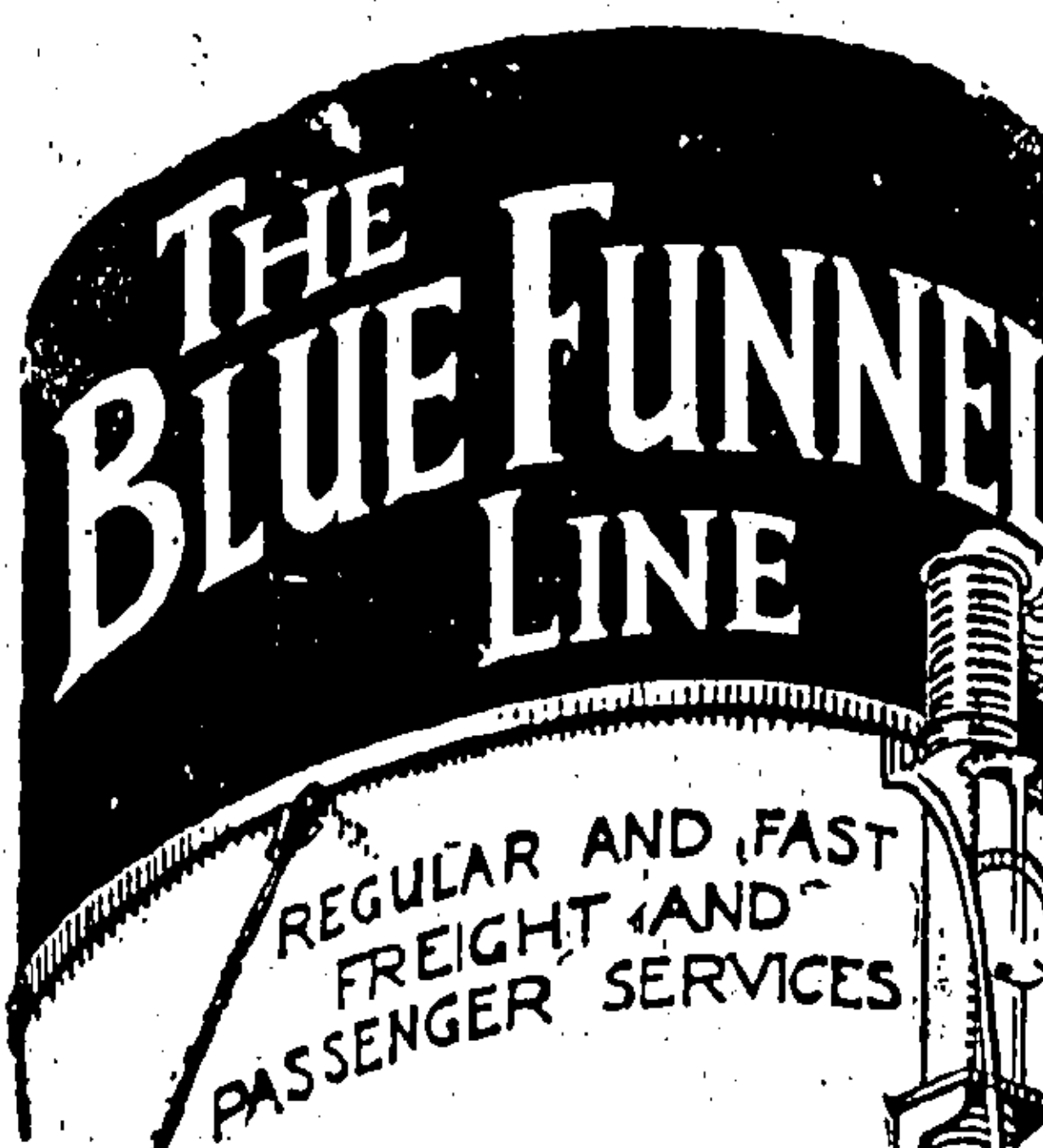
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London, Yesterday. The vital importance of India in the development of air transport was stressed by Lieut. Colonel I. A. E. Edwards, chief technical adviser to the Department of Civil Aviation at the Air Ministry. Addressing the Royal Society of Arts he said that India's climate was most suitable especially for night flying. In the event of an amicable settlement with Persia, the route to India would probably run via the Persian Gulf to Karachi, while a further route would feed India via Moscow, Teheran and Bishr. From India to the Far East the route would probably run from Calcutta to Rangoon, thence from Singapore to Australia via the Dutch East Indies, with possibly a second line from Calcutta to Mandalay and to Hanoi and Hong Kong, which could be extended to Canton and Shanghai and join up a Japan service even.

A possible route could be established from Calcutta via the Baramputra and Yangtze to Peking.

The route entering India to Karachi could clearly carry the bulk of the traffic between Europe and the Far East. Thus Calcutta would assume vital importance as an aerial gateway to the Far East second only to the big air junction which must eventually be established in Syria or Palestine. Once a line was established from Cairo to South Africa, it would bring traffic to India, especially large quantities of bullion.—Reuter.

RED AMMUNITION.

ICHANG SEIZURES MEANT FOR COMMUNISTS.

From British naval wireless messages from the Yangtze, it would appear that the ammunition seized near Ichang by the British Commissioner of Customs were intended for Communist organisations. Communists in the Yangtze appear to be anxious for arms and ammunition and yesterday they attacked the Water Police headquarters at Hanyang—a few miles west of Hankow—in an endeavour to get possession of arms stored there. The attack was repulsed by the military.

Gen. Yang Sen. Wansien, Yesterday. General Yang Sen appears to be causing trouble with his neighbours on account of his greed in the matter of revenues collected in the area at present under his control.

The combined Szechuanese Generals are said to be combining against him on account of this.—British Naval Wireless.

Swatow Quiet. Swatow, Yesterday. The situation is now quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

WOMAN'S LONE TRIP.

LONDON TO CAPETOWN BY AIR.

London, Yesterday. Lady Bailey, wife of Sir Abe Bailey, the South African millionaire, left Croydon aerodrome unaccompanied this afternoon on a flight to Capetown. Her plan is to reach her destination as quickly as possible in long hops. The route will be via France, Italy, Malta, Egypt and Sudan. Lady Bailey is flying a De Havilland Moth aeroplane capable of remaining in the air 10 hours at a time.—British Wireless Service.

LONDON SHIPPING.

BIG INCREASE IN TONNAGE.

London, Yesterday. Lord Ritchie, Chairman of the Port of London Authority, speaking at a meeting of the board, said the 'total net tonnage' of vessels which arrived at and departed from the port of London last year was 52,576,000. This was an increase of 3,298,000 over the previous year.—British Wireless Service.

CHINESE THUGS.

Make \$50,000 Gold Bar Haul.

CHICAGO METHODS.

Manager Forced To Open Firm's Safe.

Shanghai, Mar. 3. Making the biggest haul in recent years, robbers last night obtained \$50,000 in gold bars in a raid on a building in the international settlement here. The gunmen held up the staff of the place and forced the manager to open the safe. They escaped in automobiles.—Associated Press.

Motor car and gunman holdups have until recently been foreign to Chinese cities. Even after China was virtually without a Government such port cities as Shanghai went about their affairs without fear of such robberies as have given Chicago and other American cities world reputations.

For years, Shanghai streets were used for transporting precious metals in the manner of so much freight. Gold to some extent and silver to a large extent were carted about with little more concern than would have been caused by the transfer of so much iron or so many hams. Silver in bars or in coin was moved by wheelbarrows.

MEDIATION.

THE HUNGARIAN-RUMANIA DISPUTE.

London, Yesterday. Sir Austen Chamberlain at today's session of the League of Nations Council delivered a report on the dispute between Hungary and Rumania.

He said that if the question remained unsolved it would be a festering sore on the face of Europe and create a danger of war. He recommended two neutrals be added to the mixed tribunal to which Rumania will restore her judge, making a total of five members. All the claims of the Hungarians expropriated at the time of the reform scheme would be submitted to the tribunal.

Sir A. Chamberlain admitted the Council could not impose a decision unless both parties were agreed.

M. Briand (France) appealed to M. Titulescu (Rumania) and Count Apponyi (Hungary) to accept the "loyal, sincere and logical proposal" of Sir A. Chamberlain. After all the delegates had spoken in favour of the scheme the debate was adjourned.—British Wireless Service.

L. C. C. ELECTIONS.

SEATS FOR LABOUR LEADER'S CHILDREN.

London, Yesterday. Malcolm and Isabel, the son and daughter of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, obtained seats in the London County Council elections, Malcolm retaining the Labour seat at Limehouse. Liberal headed the poll at South Poplar. Results declared up to now show that the Labourites and Liberals have made little headway toward the reduction of the majority held by the Municipal Reformers since 1907.—Reuter.

Final Results. The final result of the London County Council election is:—Municipal Reformers ... 84 Labour ... 34 Liberals ... 6

The Liberals fought on their party title instead of the old designation of "progressives." Twenty-four women members were elected compared with 19 in the old Council.—Reuter.

THE CAVELL FILM.

SHOWN TO 2,500 IN BRUSSELS.

Brussels, Yesterday. The Cavell film was shown in the largest cinema in Brussels before 2,500 people, including several Belgian Cabinet ministers. Attention was keen as many present were personally conversant with the Cavell affair. The applause at the end lasted for five minutes but there was no demonstration during the showing of the film.—Reuter.

NEW SHIPS.

For Dollar Far East Run.

REPLACING S. S. VESSELS.

Freighters Withdrawn From Inter-Coastal Fleet.

San Francisco, Cal., Mar. 3. A. F. Haines, vice-president of the American Mail Line, announced that the steamers "Margaret Dollar," Jr.; "Melville Dollar," Jr.; "Stuart Dollar," "Diana Dollar," and "Stanley Dollar," each of 10,000 gross tons, would be withdrawn from the Dollar Line Inter-Coastal fleet and entered on the Seattle-North and South China-Philippine trade of the American Mail line.

These vessels will replace the Shipping Board vessels formerly operated by the American Mail but which were purchased recently by Tacoma, Wash. interests. Haines declared that the Puget Sound-Far East service would be continued, following the request of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce that the American Mail line maintain its vessels for this Oriental trade.

Weekly Service Planned. With the purchase of 21 freight ships by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company from the United States Shipping Board recently, the local firm will operate a weekly service between the Pacific coast, Japan, China, the Philippines, Australia, and New Zealand, beginning next month.

Among the freighters to be operated are the "American," "Arizonan," "Californian," "Columbian," "Dakotan," "Floridan," "Hawaiian," "Georgian," "Iowan," "Kansan," "Kentuckian," "Minnesotan," "Mexican," "Missourian," "Montanan," "Nebraskan," "Nevadan," "Ohioan," "Oregonian," "Panaman," "Pennsylvanian," "Texan," and the "Virginian," which was built in 1903. The "Columbian" and the "Californian" were built in 1922, being the newest among these proposed in the service. The tonnage of the vessels ranges from 5,000 to 9,000 tons.—Associated Press.

DUTCH E. INDIES.

NATIVE AGITATORS RELEASED.

The Hague, Yesterday. Four native students from the Dutch East Indies who have been under preventive detention since September on a charge of making inflammatory speeches and the incitement of the public against the Government in their vernacular newspaper, have been released pending the decision of the court on March 23.

The Public Prosecutor urged sentences of two to three years.—Reuter.

LAND RESUMPTIONS.

BOARD APPOINTED FOR WONG NEI CHONG LOTS.

The following have been appointed as the Board of Arbitrators to determine compensation in respect of the resumption of various Crown lots at Wong Nei Chong:—

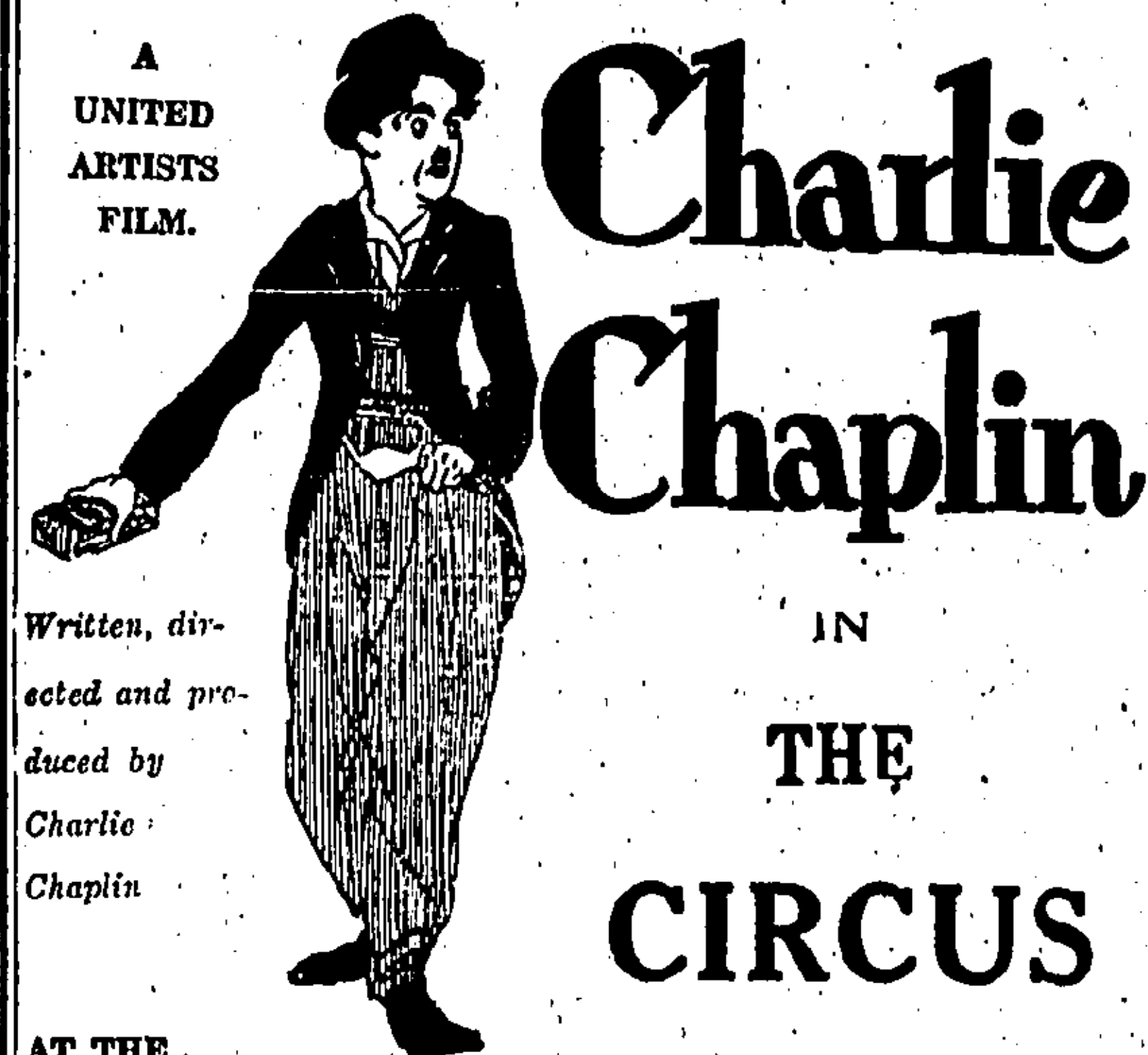
His Honour Mr. Justice John Roskrugge Wood, Puisne Judge, Chairman; Mr. Arthur Edward Wright, J.P., F.S.I., Chartered Surveyor, nominated by H.E. the Governor; and Mr. Lawrence Gibbs, J.P., A.M.I.C.E., nominated by the Chairman on behalf of the respective owners.

It is notified that the Chairman appoints Thursday, the 15th day of March, 1928, at 3.15 p.m. at his Chambers, Courts of Justice, as the time and place for the Board to commence its sittings.

Any person claiming compensation, whether as owner or otherwise, by reason of such resumption must, before the commencement of the sittings of the Board, transmit to the Colonial Secretary for transmission to the Board a written claim, stating the nature of his right or interest in the land and the amount which he seeks to recover.

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